

Battery Metals Market Signals**Bull**

- Currently, upstream and downstream firms are engaged in negotiations for next year's long-term lithium carbonate contracts, with the core of the ongoing tug-of-war centered on pricing coefficients at this stage.
- SMM projects that lithium salt plants will maintain high overall operating rates. Among them, both spodumene-based and salt lake-based production lines are expected to operate above 60%, serving as the mainstay of lithium supply. It is anticipated that China's domestic lithium carbonate output in November will remain roughly flat month-on-month, at a similar level to October.
- The new energy vehicle (NEV) market has witnessed robust growth in both commercial and passenger vehicle segments. The energy storage market continues to show strong momentum, with demand and supply both remaining tight. Production scheduling for battery cells and cathode materials is expected to continue improving in November, and lithium carbonate inventories are likely to see a substantial reduction throughout the month.
- At present, there has been no significant change in demand from ternary material manufacturers, who are maintaining only a moderate procurement pace for spot orders to meet basic rigid demand. Nevertheless, market circulation volume has improved to some extent.
- Regarding the discount coefficients for ternary precursors, discounts for newly signed spot orders have generally increased significantly, while original discount levels remain unchanged for some longer-term contracts.
- Sigma Lithium Corp.'s shares have continued to plummet, erasing nearly one-third of its market value last week. Market concerns are mounting that its near-term output and key expansion initiatives may face delays.

Bear

- Following last week's decline in spot prices of lithium salts, some spodumene suppliers have shown a willingness to ease supply constraints.
- Australia's Prairie Lithium has commenced construction of a lithium extraction plant in Saskatchewan, Canada, which the company claims will be North America's largest direct lithium extraction (DLE) facility.

Others

- As of the week ending November 10, the weekly trading volume of lithium carbonate on the Guangzhou Futures Exchange reached 4,626,511 tons, up 4.71% from the previous week. Open interest stood at 909,484 tons, up 29.89% week-on-week.
- The registered warehouse warrants for lithium carbonate on the Guangzhou Futures Exchange totaled 27,332 tons last week, compared with 2,621 tons in the previous week.

Sources: SMM, China Passenger Car Association, Bloomberg, MySteel, China Customs, Guangzhou Futures Exchange, FIS, China National Bureau of Statistics, CME.

Weekly Futures Price and Open Interest Change

Open Interest /lots	Cobalt Metal	Lithium Hydro	OI WoW %	Cobalt Metal	Lithium Hydro	Price	Cobalt Metal \$/mt	Lithium Hydro \$/mt	Price WoW %	Cobalt Metal \$/mt	Lithium Hydro \$/mt
Nov-25	833	3,008	Nov-25	0.0%	-0.4%	Nov-25	51,853	9,970	Nov-25	-2.3%	-1.3%
Dec-25	1,184	2,733	Dec-25	-5.1%	-0.2%	Dec-25	52,249	10,080	Dec-25	-5.2%	-1.7%
Jan-26	860	2,875	Jan-26	-1.5%	0.8%	Jan-26	56,262	10,240	Jan-26	-1.0%	-1.3%
Feb-26	724	2,803	Feb-26	1.0%	2.0%	Feb-26	56,284	10,320	Feb-26	-0.9%	-1.2%
Mar-26	819	2,678	Mar-26	-0.1%	1.5%	Mar-26	56,659	10,380	Mar-26	-0.3%	-1.3%
Apr-26	533	1,384	Apr-26	0.0%	4.2%	Apr-26	56,482	10,500	Apr-26	-1.3%	-1.4%
May-26	520	1,453	May-26	0.0%	3.9%	May-26	56,482	10,590	May-26	-1.4%	-1.0%
Jun-26	515	1,876	Jun-26	3.4%	3.1%	Jun-26	56,482	10,710	Jun-26	-1.4%	-0.8%
Jul-26	367	1,638	Jul-26	0.0%	3.8%	Jul-26	56,549	10,720	Jul-26	-1.7%	-2.5%
Aug-26	379	1,377	Aug-26	0.0%	6.6%	Aug-26	56,593	10,770	Aug-26	-1.7%	-2.1%
Sep-26	395	1,382	Sep-26	0.0%	6.6%	Sep-26	56,615	10,850	Sep-26	-1.7%	-2.3%
Oct-26	461	1,382	Oct-26	0.0%	6.2%	Oct-26	56,703	10,970	Oct-26	-2.0%	-2.1%
Nov-26	455	1,361	Nov-26	0.0%	5.9%	Nov-26	56,725	11,200	Nov-26	-2.1%	1.8%
Dec-26	531	1,361	Dec-26	0.0%	5.9%	Dec-26	56,769	11,230	Dec-26	-2.1%	2.1%
Jan-27	407	115	Jan-27	0.0%	0.0%	Jan-27	56,923	11,400	Jan-27	-2.4%	-0.3%
Feb-27	372	148	Feb-27	0.0%	0.0%	Feb-27	56,945	11,430	Feb-27	-2.3%	-0.2%
Mar-27	375	165	Mar-27	0.0%	22.2%	Mar-27	56,945	11,450	Mar-27	-2.4%	-0.3%
Apr-27	341	10	Apr-27	3.6%	0.0%	Apr-27	56,989	11,680	Apr-27	-2.4%	0.3%
May-27	341	10	May-27	3.6%	0.0%	May-27	56,989	11,700	May-27	-2.5%	-0.8%
Jun-27	256	10	Jun-27	4.9%	0.0%	Jun-27	56,989	11,730	Jun-27	-2.5%	-1.4%

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