Early Warning System

IDBI-15825-01

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Quick Facts

Countries	Argentina
Financial Institutions	IDB Invest (IDBI)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-08-04
Borrower	Posco Argentina S.A.U.
Sectors	Finance, Mining
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 250.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 250.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 450.00 million

Project Description

According to the IDBI, the proposed investment consists of a short-term revolving credit facility of up to US$700 million for POSCO Argentina S.A.U. The facility will include a Tranche A of up to US$250 million from IDB Invest and a Tranche B of up to US$450 million from commercial banks. This investment will support the development, start-up, and gradual ramp-up of production at Sal de Oro project, located in the Salar del Hombre Muerto, in the provinces of Salta and Catamarca, Argentina.

The initiative includes a plant with an estimated capacity of up to 25,000 tons per year of lithium hydroxide and another with an estimated capacity of up to 23,000 tons per year of lithium carbonate.

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Posco Argentina S.A.U.	Client	-

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Bank Documents

- Informe de Impacto Ambiental - Resumen Ejecutivo CP2
- Resumen Ejecutivo CP1 Upstream
- Resumen Impactos Acumulativos (RCIA)
- Resumen_Ejecutivo_EIA_ CP1 - Downstream
- SAL DE ORO POSCO - CLASIFICACION Y ESTRATEGIA AMBIENTAL Y SOCIAL (EAS O ESS 02 JUN 2026) [Original Source]

Campaign Documents

- Bloomberg: Litio en Argentina: Posco invertirá US$830 millones en una planta en el norte