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The municipality of La Paz, Bolivia, is using a small fleet of tiny electric cars to bring doctors to patients' homes living in the suburbs of the capital city. The cars, which are the size of a golf cart and shaped like a box, move no faster than 35 mph and can travel 50 miles before a recharge.

Bolivia's government has formalized an agreement with the Chinese consortium CBC, which includes the prominent battery manufacturer CATL, to construct two direct lithium extraction plants with an investment of at least \$1 billion, government officials announced on Tuesday. The project will be located in the Uyuni salt flat in southwest ...

He added the U.S. car company Tesla will be important in the U.S. But he said cars in Latin America will be smaller, because their streets are more similar to those of Bombay and New Delhi than those of California.

The company's effort to expand EVs in the South American country has not been easy. In the four years since its release, Quantum Motors has sold about 350 cars in Bolivia. The company did not say how many have been sold in Peru and Paraguay.

Quantum Motors' investment in battery-powered cars seems to make sense. Bolivia has an estimated 21 million metric tons of the metal lithium, the most in the world. Lithium is an important material used in making some kinds of batteries. But Bolivia does not produce industrial amounts of the metal.

Marco Antonio Rodriguez repairs cars in La Paz. He said the Quantum does not cost a lot, but he said it does not have the abilities of a gasoline-powered car. He said people might change their minds if the government stops gasoline price supports.

The makers of the Quantum hope programs like "the doctor in your house" will expand production and spread more EVs across the area. The program is supposed to double in size and expand to other neighborhoods next year.



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