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SQM — Salar de Atacama

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World's lowest-cost lithium brine producer. JV with Codelco for state participation under negotiation.

Profile

Country	Chile (CL)
Region	Latin America
Operation type	Integrated
Status	Operating
Annual capacity	210,000 t / y
ESG score	72 / 100
Established	1968
Public ticker	NYSE:SQM

Compliance signals

FEOC status	Compliant
IRA §30D eligibility	Eligible
EU CRMA strategic project	Eligible
OFAC sanctions	Clear
UK HMT sanctions	Clear
Beneficial ownership	Verified

Certifications

IRMA ISO-14001

Risk flags

Water-rights litigation pending

Materials & market context

Lithium Carbonate (battery-grade)

15,420 · USD / tonne

Li₂CO₃

High risk

CN 65%

Battery-grade demand outstripping refined capacity; Chile and Argentina ramping non-Chinese conversion.

Recent intelligence (last 6 alerts)

2026-05-18 · ESG · CHILE

SQM Atacama water-rights audit: regulator finds compliance gap

Dirección General de Aguas issued findings on brine extraction reporting. SQM committed to 18-month remediation. Buyers with ESG-indexed contracts likely to see clauses triggered Q3-2026.

2026-05-10 · REGULATION · UNITED STATES

Treasury finalizes 30D FEOC rules — Chinese refining disqualified from 2026-01-01

Final IRS guidance under IRC §30D(d)(7) confirms lithium converted in China is FEOC-tainted regardless of mining origin. Triggered automatic price spread between IRA-qualified and global indices, currently \$1,800/t.

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Sources & methodology

STRATEGIA monitors 312 source endpoints across government registries, customs feeds, sanctions actions, ESG filings and authoritative trade press. Records carry source URL, ingestion timestamp, classifier confidence and a human-readable rationale.

Public methodology: strategia.ai/methodology. Source bibliography summary: strategia.ai/sources.

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