

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. We at Livent take the concerns raised in your article very seriously. Responsible stewardship of the environment is essential to our work. Our mission is to harness lithium technology to power people's lives for a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable world. We understand that we have a responsibility to ensure that our expanding operations do not negatively impact the ecosystem around the Salar del Hombre Muerto.

We also want to emphasize that we are committed to the protection and advancement of human rights around the world – and making a positive impact in the community, including and especially our communities in Argentina.

More specifically, in partnership with the Province of Catamarca we established the *Salar del Hombre Muerto Trust Fund*, also referred to as the "Water Trust." We contribute a percentage of the revenues of our operations in Argentina to the Water Trust, which funds infrastructure projects for the benefit of the community in Catamarca. The Water Trust has funded an antenna to provide internet access, a photovoltaic park for Antofagasta de la Sierra, a photovoltaic park for Antofalla and a landfill for Antofagasta de la Sierra. Several other projects have been approved, are in the bidding process or have been completed. The Water Trust is managed by a committee made of representatives appointed by the Province and Livent.

There are a few other assertions in your article we would like to address:

First, you are correct that our current production utilizes water from the Trapiche aquifer to produce lithium from brine. To ensure we responsibly steward the resources in the area, a secondary source, the Los Patos River, will be utilized for our expansion. We have installed monitoring wells on both water sources to

monitor water levels, recharge rate and water chemistry to ensure sustainable water use.

Since 2013, we have reduced our water intensity by 13 percent and are committed to further reducing our water use through improved process controls and treatment. We utilize a comprehensive system to manage and record environmental parameters such as water flows, chemical transport, and salinity to safeguard the environment. In addition, with the support of external specialists, our Fenix facility regularly conducts studies to monitor the variety and abundance of local plant and animal species, watershed properties and limnology. The results of our 2017 study showed plant species variety and abundance were consistent with previous studies while the spectrum of animal species had increased, including nine additional bird species compared to the 2009 baseline.

Second, there is a reference to “contamination by *dumping* plastic waste between the salar and the Los Patos river.” This is not correct. The plastic waste is the remnants of some liner material that was blown away many years ago during high winds. It is not the result of dumping. Since the incident, we have sent many search parties on missions to find, retrieve and properly dispose of any remnants.

Third, we would like to address the commentary in the article about fencing around our operations that may have cut off some passage routes used by locals and tourists. We regret any inconveniences the fencing may have caused and have done our best to make reasonable accommodations. The fencing is necessary for the safety and protection of our employees – who make the Salar their home while they work there – but also the members of the community. We don’t want anyone getting hurt. Safety is one of our core values and a top priority for us. In fact, we

stay in touch with the small number of people who live a few miles away from our plant. They are our neighbors, and since they live far away from other villages, we send teams to visit and check in on them regularly. Our teams bring with them food, medical personnel, medicines and other supplies.

Thank you again for the opportunity to address the concerns raised in your article. We support the advocacy work you are doing and welcome your feedback – as well as any suggestions for improvement. We take pride in our operations, our people and our commitment to doing the right thing.