

Gotion EV Battery Megaproject Fact Sheet

Overview

- **715,000 gallons of water per day** (more than double Nestle's current consumption from the same aquifer)
- 500+ acre site, up to 5.5M square feet
- initial development site is a wetlands, which connects via a continuous flowing creek to Muskegon River
- manufacturing plant for EV lithium ion batteries
- Chinese owned and operated company, whose owners have strong ties to the CCP

Lack of Due Diligence

- **no environmental impact statement**
- no vote or polling from the public
- no health & safety plans

Taxpayer Funding

- The \$2.5B Gotion project represents over \$715M in total subsidies, including \$175M in direct taxpayer funding, approved by Michigan House and Senate Appropriations, and endorsed by the MEDC.

Ownership

- Gotion, Inc. is a subsidiary of its China-based parent company, Guoxuan High-Tech Company, Ltd., whose founders Mr. Li Zhen, and Mr. Li Chen have deep ties to the Chinese Communist Party.
- Re: Gotion High-Tech.'s Volkswagen 36% majority shareholding on the Swiss Stock Exchange: Volkswagen China's board voted in January 2023 to **"irrevocably give up the voting rights of part of the Company's shares held by it, so that the voting rights of Volkswagen China are at least 5% less than those of the Founding Shareholders,"** who are **Mr. Li Zhen, and Mr. Li Chen.**

- Gotion, Inc. President **Mr. Li Chen is listed by the World Economic Forum as "a member of the CPPCC,"** which is "also known as the People's ...is a political advisory body in the People's Republic of China and a **central part of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)'s united front system."**

Materials

- **lithium carbonate**, “may be a teratogen,” and is on the Right to Know Hazardous Substance List and Special Hazardous Health Substance List
- **primary synthetic graphite**, which “is considered hazardous according to OSHA”
- **iron phosphate** - “a strong oxidizing agent” which “should not be released into the environment”
- **N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP)**, “May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure”, “reproductive harm”
- Gotion says they will make LFP batteries, although materials used in

more dangerous NMC batteries have been cited by Gotion rep as being needed—such as cobalt, manganese, and nickel

- Lithium fields and rare earth leeching are devastating to the environment, putting large amounts of chemicals into the earth

Muskegon River & Nearby Protected Species

- karner blue butterfly
- snapping turtle
- 47 species of clams and mussels
- bald eagles nesting site

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