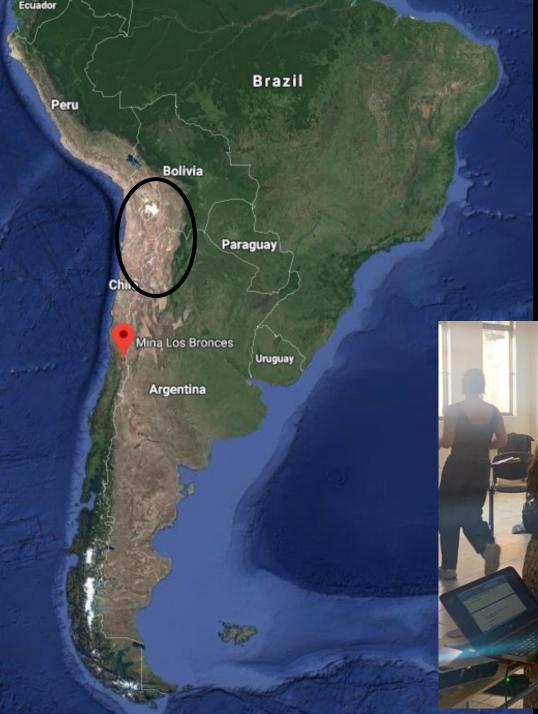
A *fair* Minerals Supply Chain? Lessons learnt from local trainings

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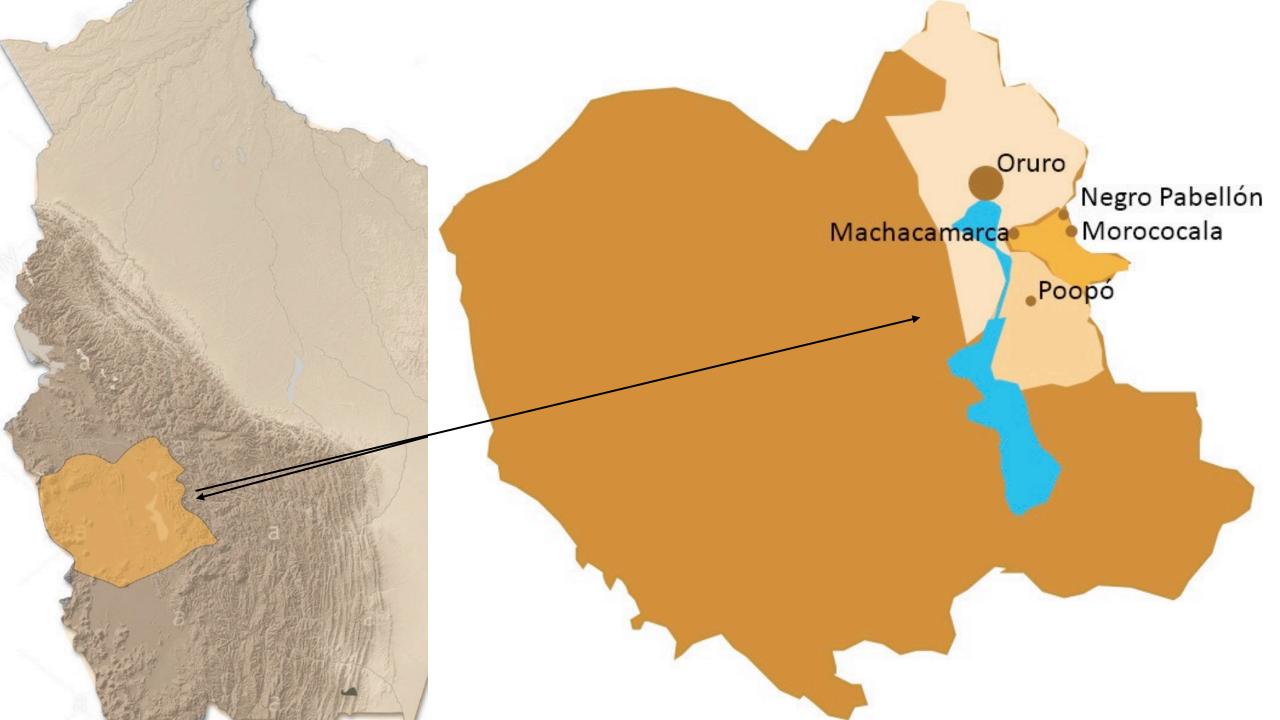


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• Mining workers cooperatives

- Two kind of ore:
 - 1) Zinc-Silver-Lead (and Indium, etc.)
 - 2) Tin











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Conclusions from Bolivia

- Cooperatives are a system of self-exploitation (short-term planning)
 - Health issues in the mine, outside the mine and downstream
 - Safety limited to the minimum necessary to continue production
 - Gender inequality issues
 - Agriculture in the nearby area no longer possible or safe, reinforcing the spread of new mines.
- The creation of a fair supply chain is a viable option for the Department of Oruro





Conclusions

 It's not possible to talk about the renewable energy supply chain or the expansion of ICT (both which fit the narrative of modernisation) without considering lithium or copper

and their impacts in the territories where they are being extracted.

- The organisations in Chile and Bolivia are showing interest of becoming a monitoring partner of EW, they are claiming fair salaries and clean environments to work. They need the implementation of a multistakeholder monitoring framework to work towards a fair supply chain.
- EW can make a difference over here.





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