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South Africa's energy-saving new energy storage



Overview

With South Africa moving toward a more decentralised and decarbonised energy system, battery energy storage systems (BESSes), particularly those using lithium-ion technology, are emerging as one of the most critical enablers of this new era."How does battery storage work in South Africa?

Battery storage systems offer a solution by storing surplus energy generated during peak production periods and releasing it when demand is high, ensuring a consistent and reliable power supply. The South African government has acknowledged the potential of battery storage and has set ambitious targets for its deployment.

What is the largest battery energy storage system in Africa?

Unveiled in 2023, thanks to \$195 million from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and \$220 million from AfDB, this flagship project represents the largest battery energy storage system (BESS) on the African continent.

How much energy storage capacity does South Africa have?

South Africa had 1,604.6kW of capacity in 2022 and this is expected to rise to 3,519.9kW by 2030. Listed below are the five largest energy storage projects by capacity in South Africa, according to GlobalData's power database. GlobalData uses proprietary data and analytics to provide a complete picture of the global energy storage segment.

Where will the battery energy storage project be implemented?

The Project will be implemented at approximately 17 sites, located within or adjacent to existing distribution substations of Eskom, across four provinces of South Africa. The Battery Energy Storage Project (Project) provides a solution to address both challenges.

Why is Eskom launching a 20mw/100mwh battery energy storage system?

Image: Eskom Eskom, the public utility company of South Africa, has inaugurated a 20MW/100MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) aimed at mitigating the challenging situation facing the country's grid. A celebration event was held yesterday, 9 November, for the 5-hour duration Hex BESS project in the Western Cape Province town of Worcester.

Does South Africa have a battery storage tender programme?

South Africa is aiming to procure utility-scale battery storage with two tender programmes: its Battery Storage IPP Procurement Programme as well as hybrid battery storage and variable renewables projects through its Risk Mitigation IPP Procurement Programme.

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