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South Africa air-cooled energy storage project



Overview

Huawei Digital Power Sub-Saharan Africa FusionSolar recently brought together industry partners and key stakeholders from the continent's Commercial & Industrial (C&I) energy sector to unveil the LUNA2000-215 Series, the world's first hybrid air- and liquid-cooled C&I energy storage system (ESS), which it highlighted sets a new benchmark for efficiency and performance. Who is supplying battery energy storage systems in South Africa?

Source: Eskom. A Chinese green technology company has been contracted to supply battery energy storage systems (BESS) for the Oasis 1 cluster of projects in South Africa. Envision Energy announced the contract with the EDF Group, to supply three battery energy storage systems (BESS) amounting to 257MW of capacity and 1,028MWh of storage.

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.

What is Ilanga – thermal energy storage system?

The Ilanga I – Thermal Energy Storage System is a 100,000kW molten salt thermal storage energy storage project located in ZF Mgcawu, Upington, Northern Cape, South Africa. The thermal energy storage battery storage project uses molten salt thermal storage technology. The project will be commissioned in 2020.

What are the most popular solar-plus-storage developments in Africa?

As noted by AFSIA Solar, one of the most notable solar-plus-storage developments in Africa is Norway-based independent power producer (IPP) Scatec's 225MW/1,140MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started

operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

Does Scatec have a solar-plus-storage site in South Africa?

Scatec's Kenhardt solar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above), which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017, having risen from just 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

Is Envision Energy the largest energy storage system supplier in South Africa?

Envision Energy announced the contract with the EDF Group, to supply three battery energy storage systems (BESS) amounting to 257MW of capacity and 1,028MWh of storage. The company claims this marks the largest BESS order in South Africa and positions it as the first energy storage system supplier in the region to secure a GWh-scale order.

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