

Expected ROI of utility scale ESS project in South Africa 2025



Overview

Is the energy sector reshaping in 2025?

By: Jurg van Dyk, Partner, Finance and Projects at Pinsent Masons The global energy, mining, and construction sectors stand on the cusp of transformation. As we step into 2025, the interplay of technological innovation, policy shifts, and sustainability goals is reshaping these industries.

Why is Eskom's electricity demand declining compared to 2023?

Demand for electricity continues to trend down, peak demand is 1% lower for this time of the year compared to the peak in 2023 due to rapid growth of the private sector embedded generation. > Eskom fleet installed capacity remained unchanged in 2024 compared to 2023, energy generated from coal is relatively higher due to improved EAF.

How is technology reshaping the energy industry in 2025?

As we step into 2025, the interplay of technological innovation, policy shifts, and sustainability goals is reshaping these industries. This evolution presents opportunities to address energy security, urbanisation, and resource sustainability but also raises significant challenges, such as decarbonisation and supply chain resilience.

Will a decentralised solar system reduce reliance on Eskom?

Decentralised generation, where businesses and households invest in solar, will reduce reliance on Eskom and create a more diverse, resilient energy sector. Eskom's restructuring is certain to open the market to competition, allowing private producers fairer grid access through an independent transmission system operator.

How Eskom fleet performance compared to 2023?

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REIPPP energy contribution is marginally lower in 2024 compared to 2023.

What is the system adequacy evaluation for the mtsao study?

The system adequacy evaluation for the MTSAO study is presented in Table 4. It includes the analysis of Unserved Energy (EU), OCGT Capacity Factor (OCGT), and System Adequacy Outlook (AO). The table uses a color-coded system to represent different levels of adequacy.

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More than \$600m for four US utility-scale batteries Recurrent Energy, Jupiter Power and Peregrine Energy Solutions have secured finance for a cumulative 550 MW of utility ...

173GWh! Projections for Global Energy Storage

Consequently, the process of bringing utility-scale ESS online is expected to be smoother in 2024. Additionally, Canada and Chile's energy storage markets are poised to maintain significant growth increments ...



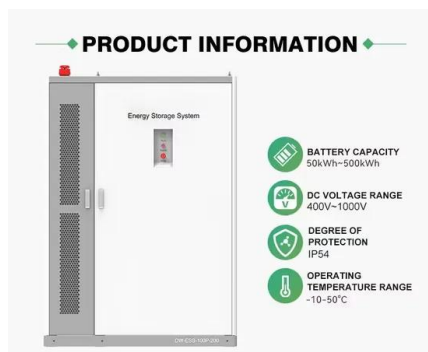
2025 Outlook on Renewable Energy, Mining, and ...

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Huawei launches hybrid-cooled ESS for Africa , Energize

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Huawei Huawei Digital Power Sub-Saharan Africa has launched a new energy storage solution (ESS) geared towards the continent's ...



South Africa targeting up to 5 GW of new renewables ...

The South African Renewable Energy Master Plan (SAREM) aims to deploy at least 3 GW of new renewables per year, increasing to 5 GW by 2030, while creating 25,000 jobs in the country's renewable

Africa: Demand up for solar coupled with energy ...

An increasing number of African countries are starting Requests for Proposals (RfPs) for projects including both solar and storage, as there is a growing understanding of the technical advantages of storage as well as its ...



African utility-scale solar rebounds strongly, much higher than pre

It is therefore expected that 2025 and 2026 will beat by far any previous year of utility-scale solar development in Africa and set a remarkable new benchmark for the continent. ...



South Africa ESS-GRID HV PACK 150kWh Large-Scale Storage Project ...

Congratulations to Dickson Solar Services on this well-executed 150kWh ESS-GRID HV PACK installation, featuring BSLBATT's high-performance ESS-GRID batteries and ...



Botswana lands funding for its first utility-scale battery ...

The project also allows for technical support from the World Bank, along with grid expansion and improved electricity services within the country. The project is aimed at supporting Botswana's first 335 MW of ...

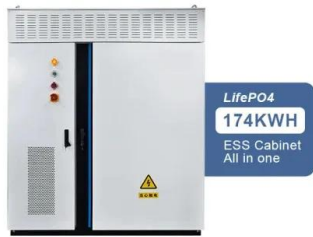
South African battery storage procurement draws 33 bids

The list of preferred bidders for the third window of South Africa's Battery Energy Storage Independent Power Producers Procurement Program (BESIPPPP) will be announced in February 2025.



Australian utility-scale battery deployment surges past ...

The ongoing strength of the small-scale rooftop market segment in Australia is a significant factor as to why renewable curtailment is growing. While utility-scale BESS project capacity commencing construction ...



Sungrow champions utility-scale storage as key to South Africa's ...

This situation is not unique to South Africa, where, across the continent, countries are facing similar challenges as they look to scale up renewable energy without ...

APPLICATION SCENARIOS



Utility-scale batteries in South Africa: Improving grid stability and

In South Africa, battery storage is increasingly seen as a key pillar to help provide grid stability and integrate variable renewables given its ageing coal-fired power fleet and grid. Competitive ...

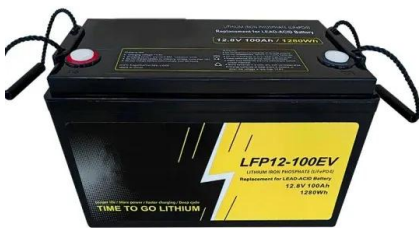
Africa BESS: financial close for 1 GWh, 300 MWh ...

Three South African battery energy storage systems (BESS) projects totaling 1.28 GWh of storage have achieved financial close following a 7-billion-Rand (\$387m) debt fund raise. The trio, known as Oasis 1, will enter into ...



Energy Storage Systems Market Size, 2025-2034 ...

The energy storage systems market size exceeded USD 668.7 billion in 2024 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 21.7% from 2025 to 2034, driven by the rising demand for grid stabilization and energy efficiency.



Benefits of VRFBs for Utility Scale Batteries in South Africa

The utility ESS demand in South Africa is unique in a number of ways. Virtually all of the demand is long duration, with all procured systems at least 4 hours in duration and some possibly ...



SOUTHEAST ASIA'S LARGEST ENERGY STORAGE ...

Based on independent assurance provider DNV's global database of 4,210 ESS projects totalling 32GWh and publicly available information as of January 5, 2023 for a comparable size utility ...

Understanding the Return of Investment (ROI) of Energy Storage ...

Several key factors influence the ROI of a BESS. This article explores the various factors influencing the return of investment of BESS.



Latest Grid-scale/Utility Scale Energy Storage System (ESS) Project

Find All the Grid-scale/Utility Scale Energy Storage System (ESS) Project Contract Awards in South Africa Region with Ease. Discovering and tracking projects and tenders is not easy. With ...

Powering Africa's Future: The Rise of Utility-Scale ...

Africa's Utility-Scale Success Stories Several African countries have already made significant progress in scaling up utility-scale renewable capacity: South Africa: The REIPPPP program has facilitated the development ...



Energy Storage Systems (ESS) Market Size, Trends , Report [2025 ...

Energy Storage Systems (ESS) market size The global Energy Storage Systems (ESS) market was valued at USD 8,468.01 million in 2024 and is projected to reach USD ...



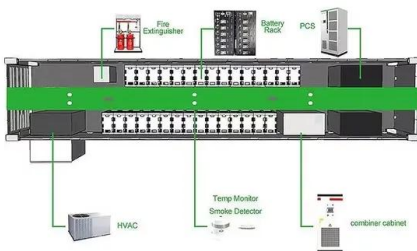
Energy outlook in SA for 2025: Turning point for ...

South Africa's energy landscape is poised for transformation in 2025, driven by regulatory changes, advancements in technology and the urgent need to address the country's long-standing



Massive batteries coming to South Africa - MyBroadband

South Africa is adding roughly 1,244MW of power capacity and nearly 5,000MWh of energy storage to the grid through utility-scale batteries over the next two years.



South Africa deploys 961 MW of solar in January ...

South Africa added 961 MW of solar capacity in the first 10 months of this year, according to data from SAPVIA. This compares to 2,430 MW of new installations during the same period of 2023. This





Dubai's Amea Power awarded two 300 MWh battery projects in South Africa

Dubai-based renewables company Amea Power has announced it has been awarded two utility-scale BESS in the second bid window of South Africa's Battery Energy ...

Renewable energy procurement on utility scale for ...

The eight solar PV projects, totalling 1,760MW, appointed as preferred bidders under South Africa's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) Bid Window 7 may yet be ...



Sungrow champions utility-scale storage as key to ...

In South Africa, persistent, unreliable energy supply has become the norm; a symptom of an overstretched power grid grappling with outdated infrastructure and surging electricity demand. For communities, businesses ...

Australian utility-scale battery deployment surges past solar, wind

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Skills for Africa -Energy Storage Systems (ESS): Powering ...

The increasing demand for renewable energy and the growing need for grid stability necessitate a comprehensive understanding of energy storage technologies and integration best practices. ...



ENERGY MARKET PROJECTIONS

"In the next two to three years, the bulk of energy will be provided by government-procured projects, which started construction a few years ago, along with private sector projects which ...



A Forecast in the Infrastructure Sector: 2025 Can be South Africa...

2025: A year of focus The Government of National Unity has marked infrastructure as the central area on which South Africa's economic recovery will be built. Key ...



Africa Market Outlook for Solar PV 2025-2028

The Africa Market Outlook for Solar PV 2025-2028 provides an in-depth analysis of the region's solar growth, investment landscape, and policy frameworks. The report examines key markets, highlights emerging opportunities, and outlines ...



India's First Utility-Scale Standalone Battery Energy Storage ...

NEW DELHI , 8 May, 2025 -- The GEAPP Leadership Council (GLC) today officially announced the launch of India's first utility-scale, standalone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ...

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