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# South Africa makes energy storage batteries



## Overview

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South Africa has reached a major milestone in its renewable energy transition, as three cutting-edge Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects, collectively known as Oasis, progress toward implementation. 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.

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.

How can South Africa develop a sustainable and competitive battery storage industry?

Addressing this gap is crucial for the development of a sustainable and competitive domestic industry. Competition: The global battery storage industry is already dominated by established players, particularly in Asian countries. South Africa needs to develop a strong value proposition to attract investments and compete effectively.

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.

How can South Africa tackle battery storage challenges?

To overcome these challenges and unlock the potential within the battery storage sector, South Africa needs a multi-pronged approach that must include: investment in refining and processing infrastructure; focusing on existing strengths; fostering collaboration; developing attractive investment incentives; and embracing innovation.

Who owns the Red Sands battery energy storage system?

Updated 1st July 2025 – The Red Sands Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), set to be Africa’s largest of its kind, has officially reached commercial close. Developed by Globeleq, which is 30% owned by Norfund, in partnership with African Rainbow Energy, the 153 MW/612 MWh project was signed off in June 2025 in Cape Town.

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