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Overview

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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.

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. These projects are part of the nation’s inaugural Battery Energy Storage Independent Power.

Africa ’s largest standalone battery energy storage system (BESS) project, the 153 MW/ 612 MWh Red Sands project in the Northern Cape, has reached financial close, having raised some R5.4-billion in debt financing from Absa and Standard Bank. The project was selected as a preferred bidder in 2024.

The South African Cabinet has officially approved the implementation of the South African Renewable Energy Masterplan (SAREM), setting the stage for a major transformation in the country’s energy sector. Aimed at boosting energy security and industrial development, the plan outlines a comprehensive.

According to the report, Scatec, a Norwegian renewable energy company, has unveiled the Kenhardt solar farm in the Northern Cape, boasting a capacity of 540 MW. This project, featuring 225 MW of battery storage and a total storage capacity of 1.1 GWh, ranks among the largest hybrid power.

The government has adopted the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 (IRP) and intends to add more than 20,000 MW of wind and solar energy generation capacity, with their share in the country's energy mix growing from the current 3% to 24% by 2030. Up to now, many renewable energy generators have been.

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