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Wind and solar complementary technology for communication base stations in South Africa

Overview

Discover how hybrid energy systems, combining solar, wind, and battery storage, are transforming telecom base station power, reducing costs, and boosting sustainability.Should South Africa consider alternative energy options for the telecoms network?

International case studies indicated that South Africa is not unique in considering alternative energy options for the telecoms network when the national electricity grid is unreliable, with hybrid renewable systems potentially a more cost-effective and greener option.

Why do we need solar power communication base station systems?

In addition to cost and environmental factor, abundant supply of solar radiation in Southern part of Africa, and the drive to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide by the year 2020 and to improve the quantity of power supply are also part of many incentives to power communication base station systems with solar PV cells.

How are telecommunication base stations energized?

Over the past twenty years, traditional power supply options such as the electrical grid, batteries, and diesel generators have been the primary sources of electricity for telecommunication base stations. Telecommunication base stations have also been energized by alternate electrical sources, including solar panels, wind turbines, and fuel cells.

Are solar powered cellular base stations a viable solution?

Cellular base stations powered by renewable energy sources such as solar power have emerged as one of the promising solutions to these issues. This article presents an overview of the stateof- the-art in the design and deployment of solar powered cellular base stations.

Can a solar photovoltaic (PV) power a mobile cellular base station?

In attempting to find a solution, this study presents the feasibility and simulation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) with battery hybrid power system (HPS) as a predominant source of power for a specific mobile cellular base station site situated in Soshanguve area of the city of Pretoria, South Africa.

Is solar cellular base station a viable alternative to diesel generating sets?

It was also found through this feasibility study that the country has a solar radiation between 4.5 kWh/m 2 and 6.5 kWh/m 2. Also found was that the use of solar PV cellular base station will lead to about 49 % reduction in operation cost compared to using the diesel generating sets.

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