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Overview

How will the battery energy storage initiative impact South Africa?

The battery energy storage initiative will significantly enhance South Africa's power infrastructure, alleviating grid congestion and increasing renewable energy integration. It aims to aid South Africa's low-carbon energy transition and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 through energy arbitrage and ancillary services.

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.

Why is battery storage important in South Africa?

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.

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.



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