

# **The relationship between energy storage batteries and industrial parks in Africa**





## Overview

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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.

Why is the South African government using IPP to allocate battery storage?

In 2022, this led to unprecedented load shedding of more than 8 terawatt-hours (TWh), which was a fourfold increase in unmet demand compared with the previous year. As a result, the South African government is using its Independent Power Producer (IPP) Procurement Programmes to allocate firm capacity, including battery storage.

Will solar batteries help South Africa's energy grid?

South Africa's state-owned utility Eskom anticipates that these projects will showcase the effectiveness of batteries in facilitating the integration of renewable energy into the country's energy mix, while simultaneously easing the strain on the national electricity 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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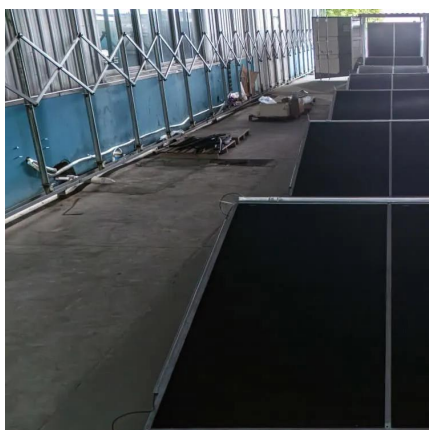
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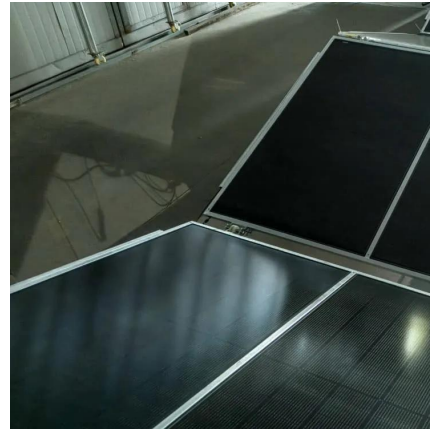
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