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Cape Town Unicom Base Station Energy Storage Project

Overview

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How many MW does Eskom store in the Northern Cape?

Rietfontein (1.54 MW/6.16 MWh), in the Northern Cape. With four hours of storage, this amounts to 833 MWh storage of distributed battery storage plants at eight Eskom distribution substation sites. This phase also includes about 2 MW of solar PV capacity. Cuprum (70 MW/280 MWh) and Kiwano (40 MW/200 MWh), in the Northern Cape.

Why did the battery energy storage system replace the kiwano project?

The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project replaced the Kiwano project due to technology risk, cost, and a non-responsive tender process ending in February 2016. 4 of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP). Signed 14 April 2018.; and.

How 144MW/ 616mwh Eskom is implementing the Bess project?

Phase 2: 144MW/ 616MWh Eskom has taken the necessary steps to ensure the successful implementation of the BESS project. Through the BESS project, Eskom aspires to diversify the existing generation energy mix by pursuing a

low carbon future in order to reduce the impact on the environment.

How much electricity can a Bess project store?

This project can store up to 100MWh of electricity, enough to power a town for five hours, and will feature 2MW of PV capacity. It is the first phase of the utility’s BESS project plan to install 833MWh of additional storage at eight of its distribution substation sites across KwaZulu-Natal, the Eastern Cape, the Western Cape and the Northern Cape.

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