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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.

CAPE TOWN, 27 June 2025: Globeleq, a leading independent power company in Africa, together with its project partner, African Rainbow Energy, announced that they have reached commercial close on the 153 MW/612 MWh Red Sands battery energy storage project (Red Sands BESS) in South Africa, by signing.

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.

A consortium led by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) and EDF has secured preferred bidder status for three battery energy storage system (BESS) projects in South Africa. The projects, Oasis Aggeneis, Oasis Mookodi, and Oasis Nieuwehoop, collectively amount to an impressive 257MW/1,028MWh of.

Globeleq, which is 30% owned by Norfund, has in partnership with African Rainbow Energy, announced the commercial close of the 153 MW/612 MWh Red Sands battery energy storage project (Red Sands BESS) in South Africa. From the signing event in Cape Town, June 2025. Read the press release here

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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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