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Timor-Leste lithium energy storage power supply procurement



Overview

What is the Timor-Leste solar power project?

The Project involves the construction and 25-year operation of a new power plant in Manatuto, Timor-Leste, comprising a 72 MW solar power plant co-located with a 36 MW/36 MWh battery energy storage system. This will be the country's first full-scale renewable energy IPP project.

Did DLA Piper advise Eletricidade de Timor-Leste on power purchase agreement?

DLA Piper advised Eletricidade de Timor-Leste on power purchase agreement for first solar and battery storage project.

How will EDTL improve the power supply infrastructure in Timor-Leste?

The project will support EDTL improve the power supply infrastructure in Timor-Leste. The principal weaknesses in the power sector are the high cost of generation, inefficient distribution, low level of revenue generation, ongoing need for substantial fiscal subsidies, and excessive technical and non-technical network losses.

How has Timor-Leste benefited from a power purchase agreement (PPA)?

This landmark project included drafting and negotiating a power purchase agreement (PPA) and an implementation agreement with the Ministry of Finance, marking a significant step in Timor-Leste's transition to renewable energy and the modernisation of its electricity infrastructure. José de Ponte, Partner in DLA Piper's Finance practice, commented:.

How can Timor-Leste promote economic opportunity?

To sustain progress in the sector and promote expanded economic opportunity throughout Timor-Leste, EDTL must begin to operate on a more commercial basis: the government currently subsidizes roughly 85% of operating costs in the sector (over \$100 million per year).

Does Timor-Leste rely on imported diesel fuel?

Currently, Timor-Leste relies almost entirely on imported diesel fuel for its power generation, which poses significant challenges in terms of fiscal burden and greenhouse gas emissions.

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