

# South Africa Site Energy Storage BESS Project



## Overview

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The Red Sands project will be the largest standalone BESS to reach this stage on the continent, designed to store power during off-peak hours and release it when demand is highest—providing essential grid stability and flexibility for South Africa's electricity network. Delivering Eskom's first large-scale battery energy storage project — strengthening resilience, sustainability, and communities. In October 2021, WSP began its role as Technical Advisor for Eskom's distributed, grid-connected Battery Energy Storage Solutions (BESS) Phase 1 project — an 800MWh. Friday, 10 November 2023: Eskom unveiled the first of its kind largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project not only in South Africa but in the African continent. Eskom officially opened the Hex BESS site at Worcester in the Western Cape yesterday. The Red Sands BESS commercial close has been achieved by signing project agreements with the. 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. Home » Energy » Africa's Largest Battery Energy Storage Project Red Sands Signed Off and Ready to Commence 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.

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The Red Sands BESS will be on a 5-hectare site in the Northern Cape region of South Africa, connecting to the grid via Eskom's Garona substation. It is hoped the BESS site will enter ...

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The BESS project at Oasis 1 will include a full suite of AC and DC energy storage equipment, including station SCADA and EMS systems



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