



Solar battery making Lesotho

Will Lesotho be able to pilot a hybrid solar PV mini-grid?

Successful pilot hybrid solar PV mini-grid in Lesotho paves way for a further 10 mini-grids that will provide first-time energy access to 30,000 people and clean power to seven health clinics.

Is Lesotho launching a solar mini-grid project?

The second phase of a pioneering solar mini-grids project in Lesotho is underway following the completion of a pilot project funded by REPP in Ha Makebe village, north-east of Maseru.

How does Lesotho get its electricity?

Lesotho derives most of its electricity through the hydroelectric plants which featured in the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. The Katse Dam, one of the hydroelectric power sources, has an estimated production capacity of 110 MW.

What is Lesotho's new mini-grid?

The pilot mini-grid and those of the planned larger portfolio are solar PV hybrids with battery storage and limited LPG backup generation. The hybrid nature of the design is to ensure 24-hour, year-round electricity supply, including Lesotho's harsh winters.

Who is OnePower Lesotho 1PWR?

Khotso! Welcome to OnePower Lesotho 1PWR is a fast-growing startup based in Lesotho whose mission is to provide affordable and reliable electricity services to off-grid villages, giving families, schools, health clinics, and local businesses the resources needed to grow and thrive.

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OnePower Lesotho PTY Ltd has been developing Lesotho's first solar-battery mini-grid at the village of Ha Makebe in the Berea district, and is now ready to design, procure the equipment, build and operate a portfolio of up to 11 mini-grids for a total capacity of 1,8 MW in rural communities of Lesotho.



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Solar PV mini-grid technology is a suitable option for rural electrification in Lesotho due to the country's abundant solar energy resources. Lesotho relies heavily on biomass and imported fossil fuels for energy. Switching to solar ...

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A consortium led by 1PWR won Lesotho's first tender for a utility scale 20MW PV plant, and 1PWR designed, built and operates the nation's first fully licensed and privately financed minigrid at Ha Makebe in Berea district.

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