

# Battery energy storage production in Africa





## Overview

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How will the battery storage market grow in South Africa?

The battery storage market in South Africa is expected to grow significantly going forward as companies and homes look to cushion themselves from ongoing electricity blackouts. Eskom, the stated-owned utility company, has been battling to keep the lights on during peak demand hours.

Could locally produced batteries be a solution to Africa's energy crisis?

“With Eskom’s new 1.4 GWh energy storage project, locally produced batteries may provide a good opportunity for a true local solution to an urgent need,” says Naicker. “The lack of affordable batteries has prohibited the mass-penetration of much-needed energy storage solutions throughout Africa,” he adds.

What is the future of energy storage in South Africa?

This is according to a new report by the World Bank which says that over the next five years SA is expected to show rapid growth in energy storage demand. The rise in demand will come from the transformation of the energy system to include more renewables and developing demand in the electric vehicle (EV) sector.

Is Africa the only battery producer in the world?

But Europe is not the only player in the space: American and Asian automakers like Tesla and Toyota are building battery gigafactories in a bid to dominate the electric vehicle battery market. Yet, one region is absent in the global battery production race. As the key producer of battery minerals, Africa is a lynchpin in battery supply chains.



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