



# Hex battery energy storage system Nigeria

What is hex battery energy storage system?

The Hex Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) has a total capacity of 1,440MWh per day and a 60MW PV capacity. (Credit: Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd) Eskom has announced the inauguration of the largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project on the African continent, marking a significant milestone not only for South Africa but for the entire region.

Does Nigeria need a large-scale battery storage system?

However, the use case for large-scale battery storage is glaringly obvious in Nigeria. From food preservation to local clinics, and rural electrification and small businesses, power storage systems should factor significantly in government's policy plans.

Is Eskom launching a battery energy storage system in South Africa?

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.

How much energy does Hex use?

It uses large scale utility batteries with a total capacity of 1 440MWh per day and a 60MW PV capacity. The Hex site is specifically designed to store 100MWh of energy, enough to power a town such as Mossel Bay or Howick for about five hours.

Why are investment dollars shifting from large-scale utilities to battery-based energy storage?

Investment dollars are shifting from large-scale utilities for battery-based energy storage systems since Tesla provided a proof of concept for the commercialisation of electric cars and advanced battery technology. Nigeria's battery manufacturing market is ennobled by imports from China and India.

What kind of batteries are used in Nigeria?

Batteries used in Nigeria are mostly for automotive and inverters adopted as an alternative backup to electric power. In recent times, the market has seen advancements in batteries such as polymers of lithium or a combination of lithium with other chemicals to improve durability.

The Nigerian government has inaugurated a 300KWp solar PV pilot initiative, including a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Niger State, aligning with President Bola Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda for renewable energy. The project in Kainji aims to enhance electricity accessibility, reliability, and quality for businesses and households.

The partnership, which was formally signed at the Africa Energy Summit in London, will mobilize capital and



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facilitate critical infrastructure projects focused on renewable energy, particularly large-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across Africa.

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A portable energy storage system is a rechargeable battery device that provides power for electronic devices and appliances when grid power is unavailable. Hex Technologies Shop Now | Nigeria's Choice for Solar Kits

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