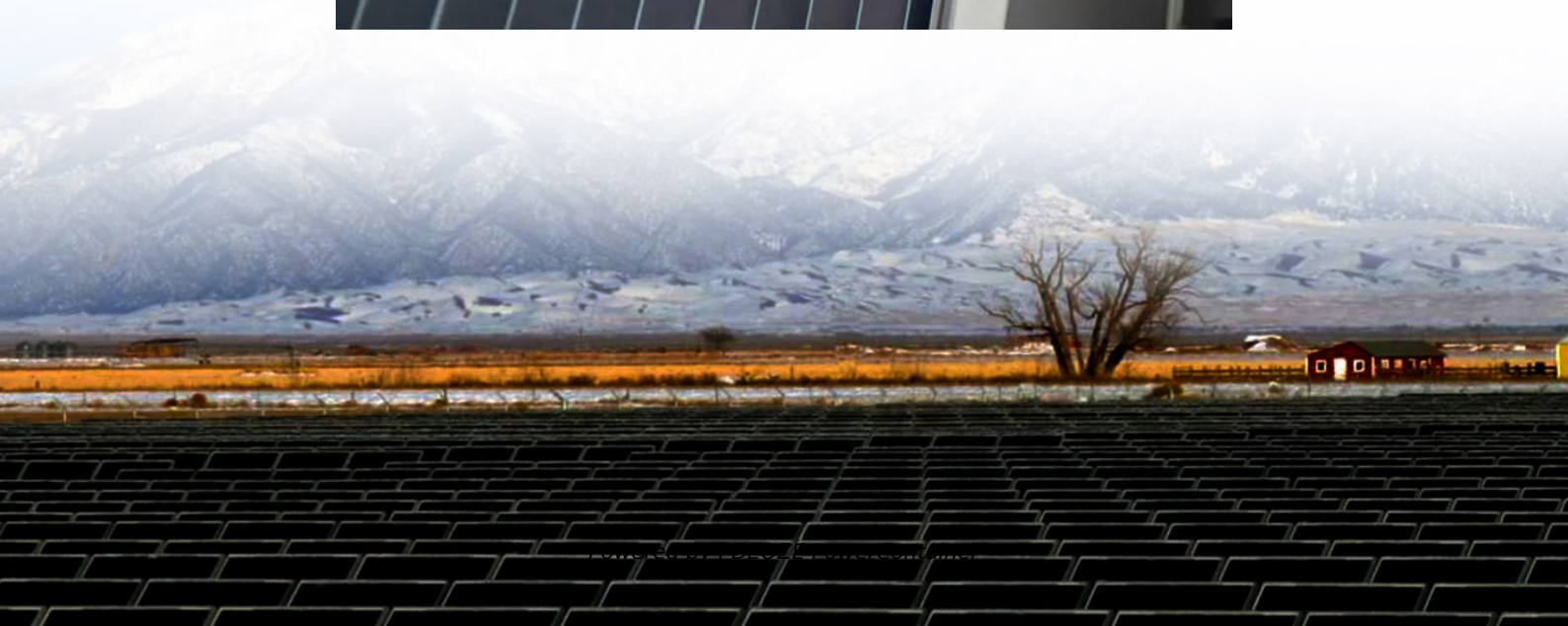


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## Overview

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With a total investment of over \$6 billion, the project includes 5.2 GW of solar capacity and 19 GWh of energy storage, making it the largest solar and BESS project in the world, capable of delivering up to 1 GW of baseload power 24 hours a day, seven days a week, setting a global benchmark for the development of clean energy. Who will supply battery energy storage system (BESS) equipment?

Utility-scale renewable energy developer-operator Masdar said on Friday (17 January) that it has selected CATL to supply battery energy storage system (BESS) equipment alongside fellow Chinese companies Jinko Solar and JA Solar as solar PV module suppliers.

Is large-scale energy storage a viable option in the Middle East?

Until recently, large-scale energy storage was barely a consideration in the Middle East, where fossil fuels have long dominated power generation. With renewable energy projects expanding across the region, energy storage has started gaining traction.

What is the Bess project?

The BESS project is an addition to the 500 MW Abydos solar PV project under construction. Meanwhile, UAE's EWEC has recommended deploying 300 MW/300 MWh of BESS capacity within the next three years. While the demand for energy storage is growing, the technology has existed in other forms for years.

How much solar energy will Middle East have in 2023?

The region's installed renewable energy capacity reached 32 GW in 2023 and is expected to approach 40 GW by year-end. By 2030, it is projected to grow to 180 GW, reflecting a compounded annual growth rate of 30%, according to the Middle East Solar Industry Association.

Who is acquiring a Bess project in Saudi Arabia?

Most of the projects are expected to be procured by government-owned public entities, such as SPPC, SEC, EWEC and ENOWA (NEOM). The Saudi Electricity Company (SEC) awarded a 7.8 GWh BESS contract to Al Gihaz (using a Sungrow BESS) in Q2 2024 with commissioning expected in 2025.

Is energy storage gaining traction in the Middle East?

With renewable energy projects expanding across the region, energy storage has started gaining traction. Unlike Europe, North America, and Asia, where renewable energy and storage technologies are well-established, the Middle East remains in the early stages of development.

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