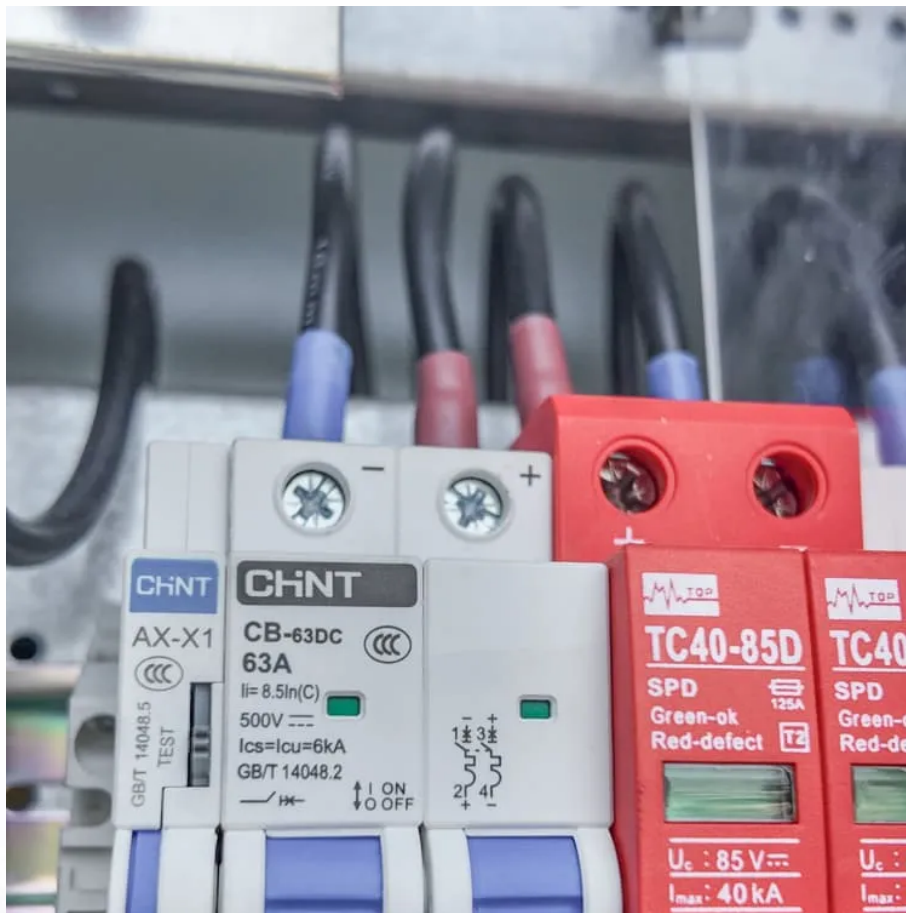


Djibouti to build largest energy storage project





Overview

According to EnergyTrend, the ambitious Grand Bara Solar Project will feature not only a 25 MW solar power plant but also an integrated 5 MW/10 MWh battery energy storage system and a state-of-the-art 230 kV substation. What is Djibouti's new solar project?

The project will be the first solar Independent Power Project (IPP) in Djibouti and will be located in Grand Bara, south of Djibouti City. The solar project is being fully developed by AMEA Power under a Build-Own-Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model and will generate 55 GWh of clean energy per year, enough to reach more than 66,500 people.

Why is Djibouti constructing a solar farm?

Djibouti's \$390 million solar farm is under construction in southern Djibouti as a result of a public-private partnership between Djibouti's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and Green Enesys, a German renewable energy firm. Construction began in 2018 after \$50 million in funding was secured by the World Bank and other financiers.

What is the source of Djibouti's energy?

Approximately 65 percent of Djibouti's electricity comes from external sources. The remaining energy comes from its own geothermal, solar, wind, and biomass sources. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), this reliance on imported energy can lead to price volatility that can hinder economic development plans.

What is a power purchase agreement (PPA) in Djibouti?

Amea Power has secured a power purchase agreement (PPA) for a 25 MW solar-plus-storage project in Djibouti. It will be the country's first independent power producer (IPP) project and is now in development under a build-own-operate and transfer (BOOT) framework.

Is AMEA power signing a long-term PPA with Djibouti?



The PPA being signed. Image: Amea Power. UAE-based renewable energy developer AMEA Power has signed a long-term PPA with the national utility of Djibouti for a 25MW solar PV plus battery storage unit. AMEA Power announced the signing of the power purchase agreement (PPA) with Electricité de Djibouti (EDD) today (29 August).

Will AMEA Power Invest in Djibouti's first IPP project?

The solar plant is the country's first IPP project and will be developed under a BOOT model. "The Sovereign Fund of Djibouti (FSD) will be joining the project before financial close as a minority shareholder," AMEA Power said, without providing additional details.



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