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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 back-up power a solution to South Africa's energy crisis?

The current energy crisis in South Africa, coupled with the decreasing cost for energy storage systems, will see the market for back-up power as a replacement for diesel generation and solar PV hybrid increase.

Are battery storage solutions sold as a service?

Very few projects have been installed using a power purchase agreement model where the battery storage solutions are sold as a service. An office block with a very high energy demand and roof space for a 100kWp solar PV system is investigating options for energy independence.

How long does a 100kWp solar PV system last?

A 100kWp Solar PV system with a 80kWp and 180kWh Li-Ion energy storage system which gives roughly 2 hours of storage was modelled based on the latest pricing points gathered by GreenCape (see Figure 1). Figure 1: The modelled payback period for a hybrid 100kWp solar PV and 80kWp and 180kWh Li-ion energy storage system.

What is the payback period for energy storage?

The payback depends on the size of the storage system. The system size depends on the type of services that need to run during load shedding. In this model the payback period is only based on the solar yield of the system and not any of the stacked benefits that can be extracted from energy storage use cases.

How can energy storage reduce load shedding?

These solutions are usually in the form of a hybrid mini grid where there is renewable generation (usually solar PV), diesel generation and battery storage coupled as a system (see this case study). There has also been an increase in high income residential and business installing energy storage systems to curb the impact of load shedding.

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