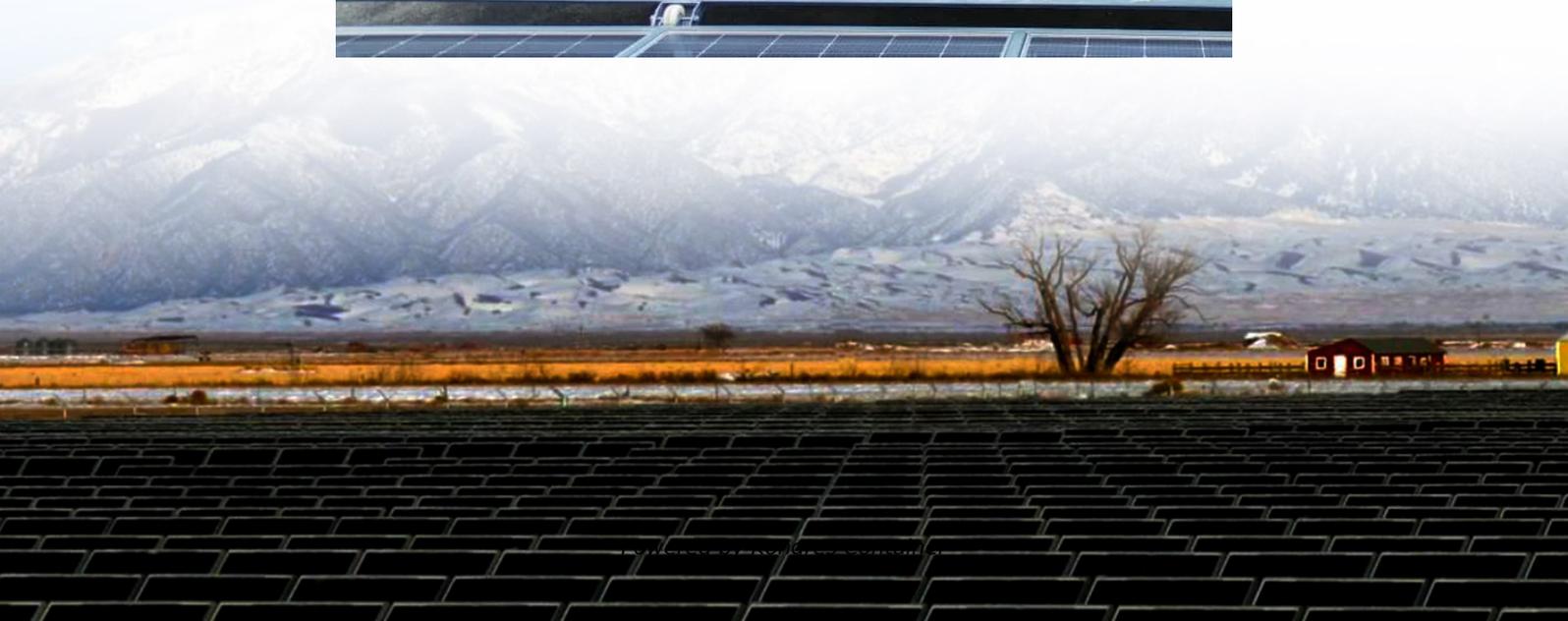


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Overview

UGT Renewables, a US-based developer, says it will build a 3 GW solar project in Iraq under a deal with the federal government that includes 500 MWh of storage and 1,000 km of high-voltage direct current (HVDC) lines. Does Iraq have a solar power plant?

The contracts also cover a water intake project for injection into oil reservoirs. The solar power plant will be Iraq's first utility-scale solar power project. While the country has several other solar plans in the pipeline, the TotalEnergies project is the first to proceed to the implementation phase.

Will totalenergies build a solar power plant in Iraq?

French energy major TotalEnergies will build a 1-gigawatt solar power plant in Iraq as part of a cluster of contracts it was awarded in 2021 for an integrated project that entails a total investment of \$27 billion over 30 years.

Who is planning to build a 2 GW solar project in Iraq?

State-owned Power Construction Corp. of China (PowerChina) is planning to build 2 GW across several locations. And UAE-based developer Masdar signed an agreement with Iraq's government in June to build a 2 GW solar project.

Why is Iraq launching a solar energy project?

"The solar energy project contributes to increasing the production of electrical energy, to supply the system with clean renewable energy," the government added. "It is also one of the first pilot projects in Iraq, which is implemented for the first time." No more technical or financial details on the new scheme were released.

How much solar power does Iraq have in 2023?

According to the latest statistics by the International Renewable Energy Agency, it had just 1,599 megawatts of renewable energy capacity at the end of 2023. Iraq has abundant untapped solar resources that could allow it to

achieve its target and reduce reliance on imports of electricity.

How much solar capacity will Iraq have by 2030?

Iraq's solar plans announced in November 2021 call for the addition of 12 gigawatts of solar capacity by 2030. Some 7.5 gigawatts of the planned solar capacity are to come from utility-scale solar plants, and Iraq has reached agreements with developers – at varying stages – for projects that will add 4.5 gigawatts of the total.

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