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# New Zealand s innovative communication base station energy management construction



## Overview

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Which energy company is building New Zealand's first grid-connected battery energy storage system?

Meridian Energy is building New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system (BESS) at Ruakākā on North Island. On January 10, 2023, Saft, a subsidiary of TotalEnergies, has been awarded a major contract by Meridian Energy to construct New Zealand's first large-scale grid-connected BESS.

Where is a new energy storage system being built in New Zealand?

The project will be developed at the Huntly Power Station, New Zealand's largest thermal power station. Image: Genesis Energy. Genesis Energy, a listed New Zealand generation, wholesale, and retail energy company, has started constructing a 100MW/200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) on the country's North Island.

What is the largest thermal power station in New Zealand?

The power station is the largest thermal power station in New Zealand, with a generation capacity of 1,200MW, making it the country's single largest electricity generation site. As previously reported by Energy-Storage.news, Saft has been selected as the BESS supplier. Saft will engineer the 100MW/200MWh Huntly BESS as a complete turnkey solution.

Is Genesis Energy building a battery energy storage system in New Zealand?

Image: Genesis Energy. Genesis Energy, a listed New Zealand generation, wholesale, and retail energy company, has started constructing a 100MW/200MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) on the country's North Island. The company confirmed it had kicked off construction of the BESS on 5 June.

When will the New Zealand energy strategy be published?

We will be updating this page over the course of the year. The strategy will be published by the end of 2024. The Government is developing the New Zealand Energy Strategy to support the transition to a low emissions economy, address strategic challenges in the energy sector, and signal pathways away from fossil fuels.

Why should New Zealand invest in STATCOMs?

“Our STATCOMs are proven to strengthen grid resilience and support renewable integration,” said Wayne Clay, VP for Australia & New Zealand at Hitachi Energy. These developments are key steps toward a more reliable, renewable-powered future for New Zealand.

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