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# South Korean new energy storage companies



## Overview

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Are South Korean companies investing in energy storage systems?

Less than a decade ago, South Korean companies held over half of the global energy storage system (ESS) market with the rushed promise of helping secure a more sustainable energy future. However, a string of ESS-related fires and a lack of infrastructure had dampened investments in this market.

Will South Korea install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems?

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy unveiled plans for a nationwide tender to install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems (BESS), marking the country's first major government-led deployment of its kind. The project is part of a broader effort to modernize South Korea's power grid and support the transition to renewable energy.

Does South Korea have a battery industry?

But South Korea's battery industry faces mounting pressure from China, whose manufacturers, led by CATL, currently account for nearly 90 percent of global energy storage battery capacity. CATL expanded its footprint in January by establishing a South Korean subsidiary, signaling an aggressive push into the local market.

What is South Korea's Green Energy Plan?

The initiative is closely tied to South Korea's 11th Basic Plan for Electricity Supply and Demand, which outlines an aggressive ramp-up in renewables. The plan aims to boost the share of green energy from 8.4 percent of the national energy mix in 2023 to 29.2 percent by 2038.

How will South Korea's ESS market renewal affect its future?

Such a requires changes on multiple fronts. Domestic infrastructural support for large-scale utilization, improved safety due diligence, and quick adoption of new technologies are some of the concerns likely to heavily influence the

future of South Korea's ESS market renewal.

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