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Timor-Leste Power Grid Energy Storage Project



Overview

The landmark project includes drafting and negotiating a power purchase agreement (PPA) and an implementation agreement with the Ministry of Finance, marking a significant step in Timor-Leste's transition to renewable energy and modernising its electricity infrastructure. What is the Timor-Leste solar power project?

The Project involves the construction and 25-year operation of a new power plant in Manatuto, Timor-Leste, comprising a 72 MW solar power plant co-located with a 36 MW/36 MWh battery energy storage system. This will be the country's first full-scale renewable energy IPP project.

Why should Timor-Leste invest in solar & storage infrastructure?

José added: "The investment in Timor-Leste's solar and storage infrastructure is transformative. It will help reduce dependence on fossil fuels while improving grid stability and energy access across the country". José de Ponte was supported by special counsel Marnie Calli, senior associate Lisa Huynh and solicitor Jeraldine Mow.

How will EDTL improve the power supply infrastructure in Timor-Leste?

The project will support EDTL improve the power supply infrastructure in Timor-Leste. The principal weaknesses in the power sector are the high cost of generation, inefficient distribution, low level of revenue generation, ongoing need for substantial fiscal subsidies, and excessive technical and non-technical network losses.

Who advised Eletricidade de Timor-Leste on a PPA?

Related professionals: José de Ponte Marnie Calli Lisa Huynh DLA Piper advised Eletricidade de Timor-Leste on a PPA to develop Timor-Leste's first solar PV power plant and battery energy storage system.

Does Timor-Leste rely on diesel fuel?

Project's partner in DLA Piper's Finance practice José de Ponte commented: "Timor-Leste has long relied on diesel fuel to power its grid, placing a significant financial burden on the state and end users.

Who bids for solar IPP project in Timor-Leste?

For Timor-Leste, bidders are typically from legacy countries such as Indonesia, Portugal and People's Republic of China. For the Solar IPP project, Government of Timor-Leste represented by the Ministry of Finance has provided backstop guarantee for EDTL obligations under the Implementation Agreement.

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