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## Distribution

BESS, or Battery Energy Storage Systems, stores electricity in batteries for on-demand power supply. The phrase "battery system" encompasses battery design, engineering, and deployment. Various energy sources like gas, nuclear, wind, and solar can charge BESS, making it crucial for stabilising grids and enhancing renewable energy reliability.

Through BESS, Eskom aspires to enable the integration of distributed energy resources, and pursuing a low-carbon future to reduce the impact of greenhouse gas emissions on the environment. The 1440 megawatt-hours (MWh) distributed BESS with 360 megawatt (MW) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) represents a giant leap forward in achieving this aspiration.

Eskom BESS rollout project is the largest to be implemented in Africa. This is a direct response to the urgent need to address South Africa's long running electricity challenges, by transforming and strengthening grid capacity through battery energy storage.

The technology comprises several components that work together to enable its functionality, tis includes:

Phase 1: 199MW of the total planned 833MWh

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