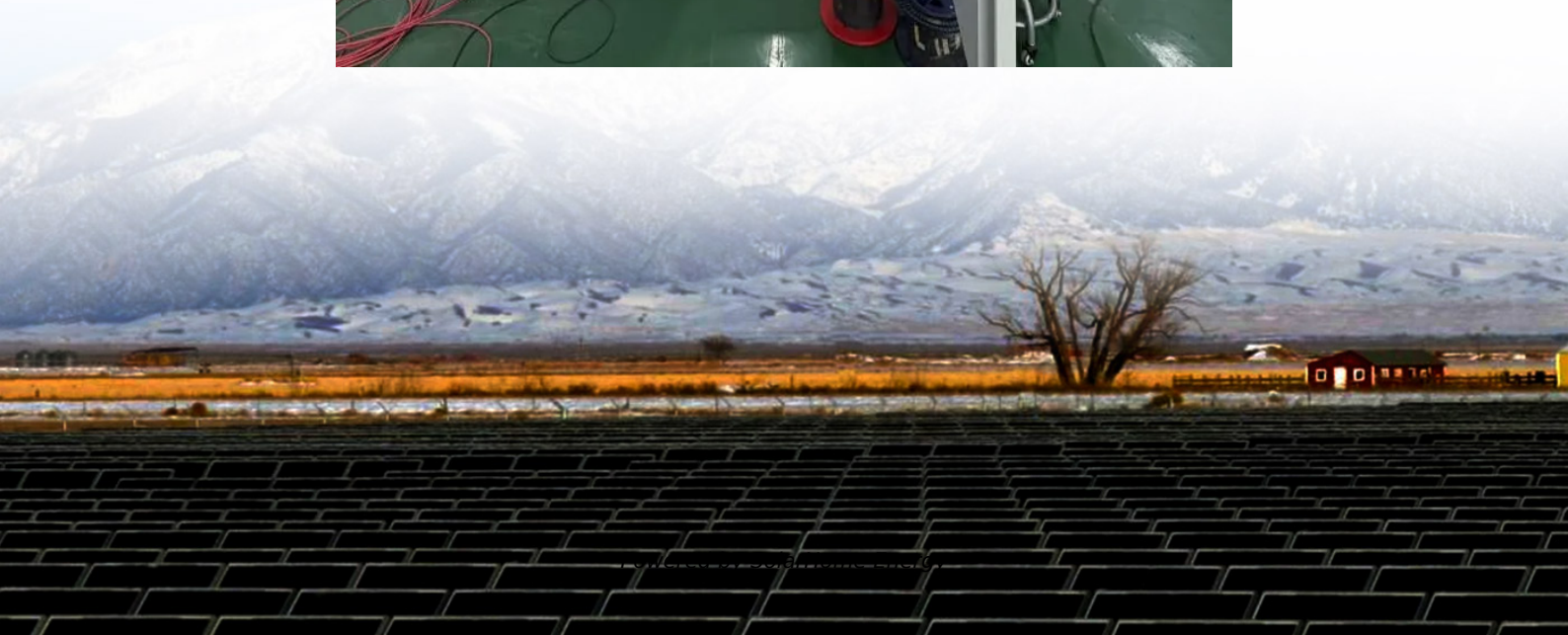


South Africa downgrades PV module exports





Overview

Does South Africa Import solar PV components?

Exponential growth in the uptake of solar PV has seen South Africa import billions worth of solar PV components over the last few years.

Is South Africa facing a new wave of solar import duties?

The solar industry in South Africa is facing a new wave of pressure, as import duties are now officially applied to various renewable energy components, including photovoltaic (PV) solar panels. Although the 10% import duty officially came into effect in June 2024, many installers and developers are only now beginning to feel its impact.

Does South Africa have a localisation potential for solar PV Manufacturing?

55 South African Photovoltaic Industry Association, The localisation potential of the South African solar photovoltaics (PV) industry and recommendations to support local manufacturing in South Africa. Two main factors are identified as predominant constraints to further growth of domestic solar PV manufacturing.

Does South Africa have a solar PV value chain?

It updates research on the state of the South African solar PV value chain to make concrete proposals for deepening component manufacturing and assembly, installation, maintenance, and end of life services in South Africa and for export.

How much solar PV capacity does South Africa have in 2023?

Estimated South African rooftop solar PV capacity increased⁴¹ from 983MW in March 2022 to 4,4GW in June 2023, an increase of 349 percent.⁴² These figures need to be reconciled with those collected by SAPVIA. There is likely to be some overlap of solar PV imports across large and SSEG installations.⁴³



Where can I test a solar PV module in South Africa?

One of the leading test facilities for solar PV in South Africa is operated by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The CSIR solar PV module testing laboratory in Pretoria provides the equipment, expertise, and capacity to undertake accelerated reliability stress testing on PV modules to ensure their quality and reliability.



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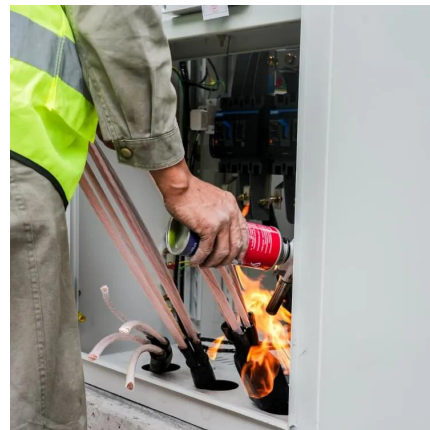


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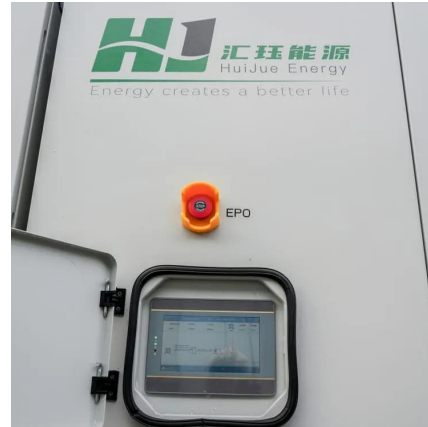


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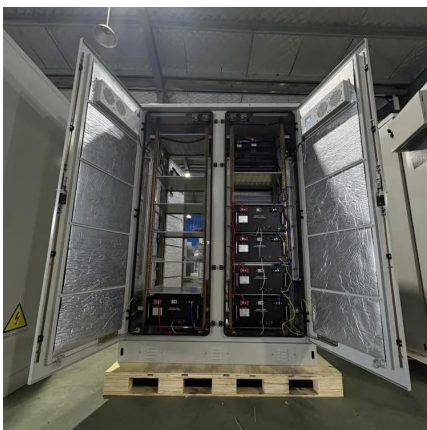
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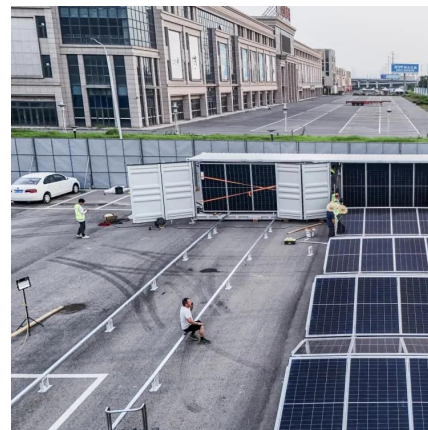
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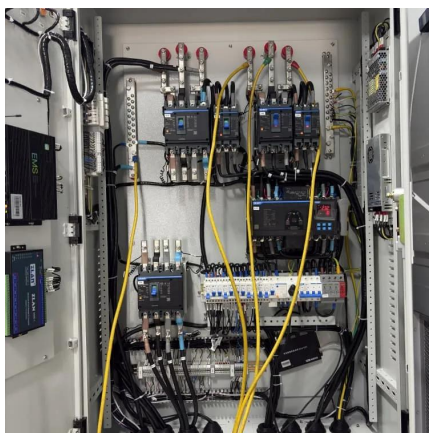




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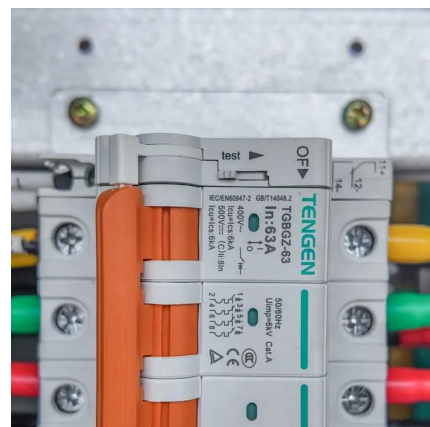


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