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Overview

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.

How is electricity generated in Timor-Leste?

Currently, all electricity generation in Timor-Leste is through diesel engines burning high-speed diesel oil. However, due to being a mountainous country with good rainfall, there is a potential to explore and develop hydropower in the future.

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.

Why did DLA Piper advise Eletricidade de Timor-Leste?

DLA Piper advised Eletricidade de Timor-Leste on its first utility-scale solar PV and battery storage project with a 100MW capacity, marking a major milestone in the country's renewable energy transition.

Does Timor-Leste rely on imported diesel fuel?

Currently, Timor-Leste relies almost entirely on imported diesel fuel for its power generation, which poses significant challenges in terms of fiscal burden and greenhouse gas emissions.

How has Timor-Leste benefited from a power purchase agreement (PPA)?

This landmark project included 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 the modernisation of its electricity infrastructure. José de Ponte, Partner in DLA Piper's Finance practice, commented:

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