

Chinese companies producing photovoltaic panels in South Africa



Overview

State-owned Power China is also building utility-scale solar farms in South Africa and in other developing economies. To address power shortages, the South African government, since 2023, has allowed independent power producers to build power plants above 100 MW and sell electricity directly to private customers without an issued generation license. The Tubaste Ferrochrome (TFC) solar PV power plant in South. Chinese solar equipment has been flooding African markets, partly as a ripple effect of the US-China trade war. It's one of several factors helping the continent gain traction with electrification. According to the New York Times, we are not talking about one solar panel that provides enough energy to power a small LED light at night or charge a cell phone. The project is a partnership between Samancor, CGN Africa Energy—a Chinese company. In April 2023, Samancor Chrome signed a power purchase agreement with CGN for the TFC 100MW photovoltaic power plant project to jointly develop South Africa's first 100MW solar photovoltaic power generation project. The generated electricity will primarily supply the TFC smelting plant.

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