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Overview

The Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials (President Seog-Hyeon Ryu, hereinafter “KIMM”), under the National Research Council of Science and Technology (NST), has successfully developed and demonstrated key technologies for a Liquid Air Energy Storage (LAES) system—recognized as a next-generation solution for large-scale, long-duration energy storage. Will South Korea install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems?

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy unveiled plans for a nationwide tender to install 540 megawatts of battery energy storage systems (BESS), marking the country's first major government-led deployment of its kind. The project is part of a broader effort to modernize South Korea's power grid and support the transition to renewable energy.

Why should South Korea deploy long-duration storage?

Deploying long-duration storage will allow Korea to capture surplus renewable energy during these off-peak periods and shift it to peak demand hours, reducing curtailment and maximizing asset utilization. This tender fits within South Korea's broader decarbonization roadmap.

Does South Korea have a storage market?

Interestingly, South Korea's approach differs from some Western markets where subsidies or mandates drive storage growth. Instead, Korea is leaning into competitive contracting, using central tenders to attract cost-efficient and technically robust projects.

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