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### Morocco solar power station investment

What is Morocco's largest solar energy project?

Morocco has launched one of the world's largest solar energy projects costing an estimated \$9 billion. The aim of the project was to create 2,000 megawatts of solar generation capacity by 2020. The Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (MASEN), a public-private venture, was established to lead the project.

#### Does Morocco need a solar power station?

Morocco plans to generate 42% of its energy from renewables by 2020, rising to 52% by 2030, with solar, wind and hydropower each providing a third of the total. The new Ouarzazate Solar Power Station will help Morocco meet its renewable power targets. Image: Solar Business Hub The country is well on its way to achieving that goal.

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As Morocco prepares to meet domestic and European energy demands, the country's largest renewable project, a facility serving the highest quantity of solar power in the world, the Noor Ouarzazate complex, is not yet completed. The 6,000 acre-complex consists of four power stations each using different renewable technologies.

#### Who owns the Noor Solar Project in Morocco?

The project was developed on a build,own,operate and transfer (BOOT) basis by ACWA Power Ouarzazate,a consortium of ACWA Power,the Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (Masen),Aries and TSK. The Noor complex is operated and maintained by a consortium led by NOMAC,a subsidiary of ACWA Power,and Masen.

#### Will Morocco build a solar power station in Ouarzazate?

The Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy invited expressions of interest in the design, construction, operation, maintenance and financing of the first of the five planned solar power stations, the 500 MW complex in the southern town of Ouarzazate, that includes both PV and CSP. Construction officially began on 10 May 2013.

#### How much solar power will Morocco produce by 2030?

rom its current rate of 28 percent to 52 percentby 2030. Both projects are part of the Noor Concentrated Solar Power Complex, which will generate power for more than 1.1 million Moroccans by 2018 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 690,0

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