

# De Wildt Solar commences commercial operations

The 50MW photovoltaic project, De Wildt Solar, commenced commercial operations on 23 January 2021, having achieved facility completion.



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Situated near Brits, in the North West Province, De Wildt comprises 169,140 solar modules, producing enough power to satisfy the needs of around 84,000 average South African households. The solar plant is expected to feed 123GWh per year of much-needed green electricity into the country's national power grid, via Eskom's Zolograph switching station. It is part of the government's renewable energy independent power producer procurement programme (REIPPPP), which launched a decade ago and has successfully procured over 6.4GW of independent clean power.

Around 400 people from the local beneficiary communities were directly employed on the project during construction. This is in addition to the employment created through the contracting out of various services.

De Wildt Solar is owned by African Infrastructure Investment Managers through its Ideas Fund, Reatile Solar Power (RF) (Pty) Ltd, Phakwe Solar (RF) (Pty) Ltd, AREP (African Rainbow Energy and Power) and Cicada Community Trust.. It is the fourth 100% South African-owned utility scale plant in the

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