

Solar first for George

Transport Minister Dipuo Peters officially launched Africa's first solar-powered airport in George on Friday, 26 February.



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At the George Airport a 200m² clean energy source has been designed to supply the airport with 750kW of its electricity needs.

"The project has been spearheaded by the agency of the Department of Transport, Airports Company South Africa," it said.

According to the Eden Municipality's website, the "installation of photo-voltaic panels will generate sufficient electricity through harnessing energy from the sun in order to make George Airport completely independent of the grid".

It said while the primary intention was to supply the airport with its own electricity source for daily operation, if surplus energy was generated the excess would likely be sold to Eskom".

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