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ABBREVIATIONS

AC	Alternative Current
DOE	Department of Energy
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
CSP	Concentrating Solar Power
CSIR	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
EERE	Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
NASA	National Centre for Environmental Prediction
Pv	Photovoltaic
TV	Television

LIST OF MEASUREMENT UNITS

°C	Degree Centigrade
°C-d	Degree Centigrade per day
Gwh	Gigawatt Hour
Kg	kilogram
Km	Kilometre
KPa	Kilo-Pascal
KW	Kilo-Watt
KWh	Kilowatt/hour
KWh/m ²	Kilowatt/hour/square meter
KWh/m ² /d	Kilowatt/hour/square meter/day
m	meter
m/s	meter/second
MW	Mega Watt
MVA	Megavolt/Amper
MWh	megawatt-hour
MWh/y	megawatt-hour/year
W/m ²	watt/square meter
ZAR	South African Rand

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1. INTRODUCTION

Amidst increasing awareness of the serious environmental problems now facing the world, solar power generation is a particular interesting source of renewable energy.

Solar generation is the cleanest way of generating power and therefore has a clear edge over other technologies.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to indicate the potential sites and establish the technical and economic conditions to install solar power generation equipments based on the radiation map of Lesotho.

3. LESOTHO RADIATION MAP

The radiation levels in Southern Africa are very high especially at high altitude.

We have included radiation data from six independent sources and all these solar maps shows a similar output value.

Factors that make solar viable resource are as follows:

- High Altitude;
- Low pollution;
- Low ambient temperature; and
- High levels of solar radiation.

3.1 Overview of technology

Basically, these systems operate by sending the energy generated by the farm to the grid via an inverter which converts the direct current in to alternating current, optimising the efficiency and ensuring an optimum take-up to the grid.

Photovoltaic technology has reached a tipping point with new factories coming online on a weekly basis.

In the past the industry was built Mono and **Poly Crystalline** technology. Almost all of the major suppliers are now producing **Thin Film Panels**.

Turn Key solar farms traditionally cost the developer R 35 per watt installed. With improvements in the manufacturing process costs reduced to R 29 per watt. Today solar farms are delivered at less than R24 per watt.

The solar developer can now choose from more than 300 different large manufactures or choose to manufacture the solar panels on site. A solar

manufacturing plant for thin film technology can now be assembled in a year. A plant producing 7 MW of solar panels per year costs about R 70 Million Rand.

Manufacturing your own panels would create jobs as well as provide a cost effective alternative to paraffin for lighting. Production costs of these panels are about R 7 per watt depending on the size of the plant and cost of transport of the raw components.

3.2 Technologies applicable in Lesotho

3.2.1 *Photo Voltaic*

- Pv is a viable solution because of the following factors:
 - The low rural electrification rate lends itself to PV solution as it can be deployed almost anywhere in Lesotho;
 - Pv can be installed in a very short time bring immediate relief on the network; and
 - Pv system have no moving parts and requires very little maintenance reducing the operating cost and risk.

3.2.2 *Concentrated Solar*

- The radiation levels in Lesotho are high enough to provide a viable return;
- Has the ability to store energy and provide energy during peak demand independently; and
- Provides a very good return on investment on a large scale 10 MW and over.

3.3 Lesotho Radiation Map

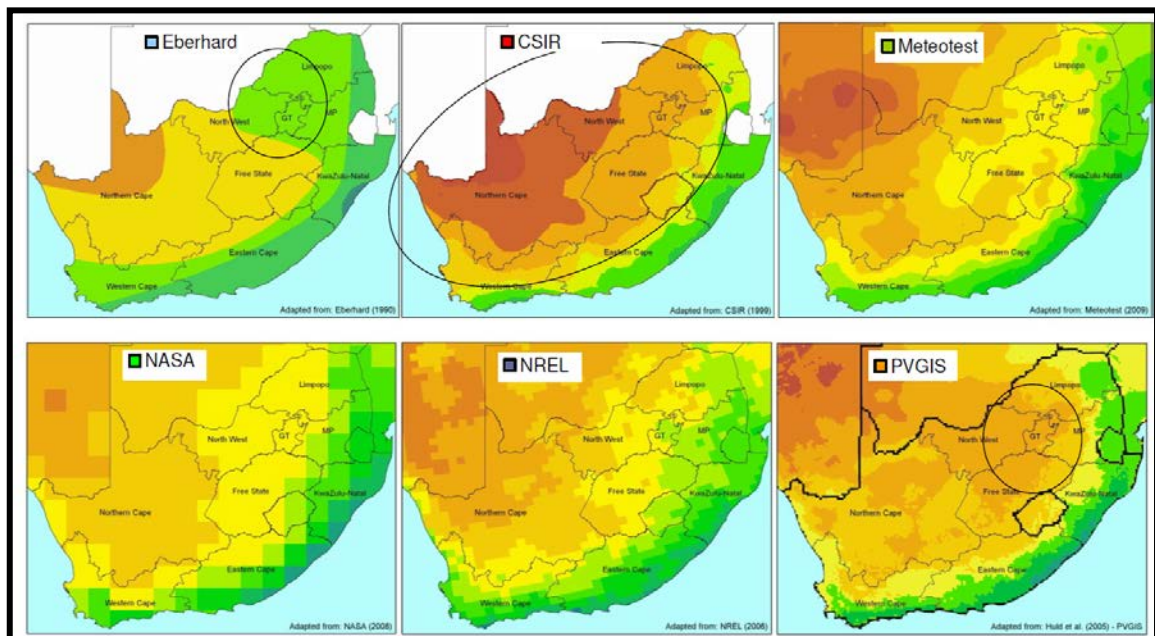
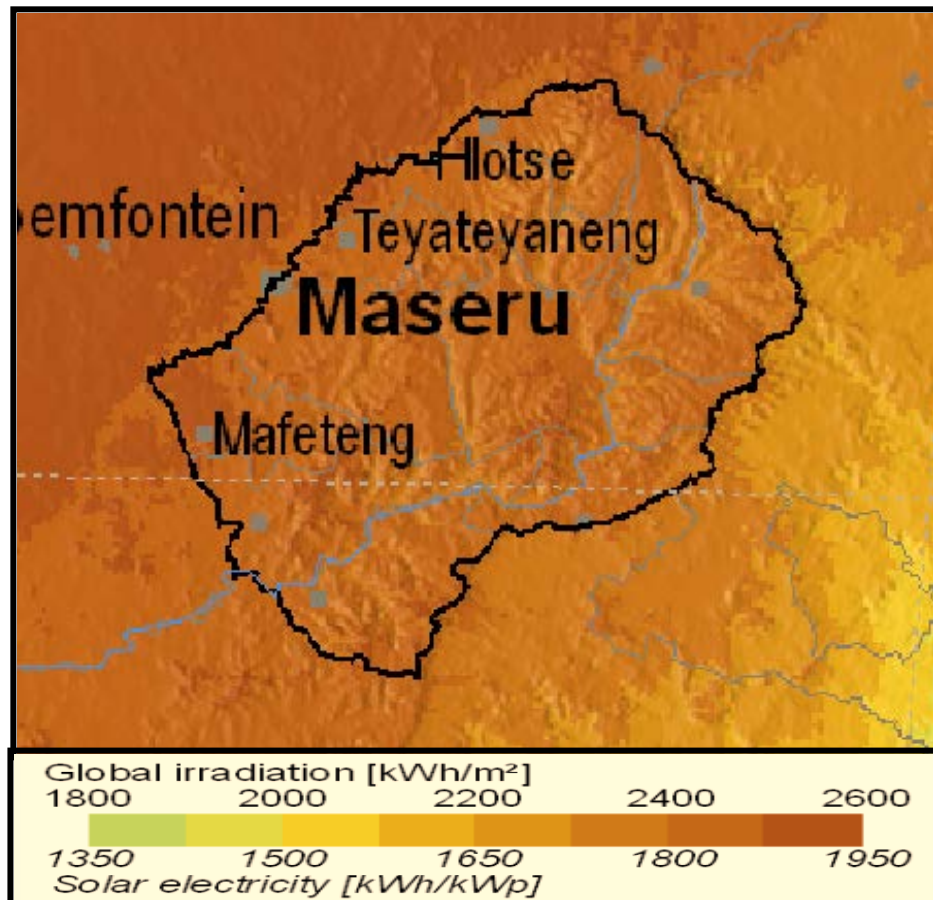


Figure 1: Comparison from multiple radiation sources

3.4 Dataset

The Data set used in this report is based on the following sources

- NASA Radiation data (Satellite based);
- Solar data provided SMA (based in Germany); and
- Cross-reference was done to data from CSIR.

4. SELECTION OF REGIONS OF POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Methodology

- The sites analysed in this report was based on a geographic spread;
- The second criteria was available land close to existing transmission lines; and
- The sizing of the plants was based on local consumption and available transmission voltage.

4.2 Initial Selection of the zones based in radiation

- We tried to find sites with high radiation but found that it was more beneficial to place the plants close to transmission lines and industrial end-users.

4.3 Further analysis of all proposed zones

- Actual radiation metering is suggested for high priority sites like Maseru.

4.4 Description and Ranking of proposed zones:

4.4.1. Maseru

Maseru is ideally suited for a large solar farm with close access to the grid and good solar radiation.

- Location: 29°19'59.54"S 27°28'47.26"E;
- Potential: 20 MW solar farm installation;
- Grid tie inverter technology reach up to 98% efficiency;
- Grid tie inverters ship in 1.25 MVA blocks; and
- Installation time: 20 months.



4.4.1.1 Climate data

The table below indicates the climatic data for Maseru (Location: -29.3° N, 27.5° E). The average solar radiation measured on the horizontal ranges between 3.62 and 7.35 kWh/m²/day with an annual average of 5.53 kWh/m²/day.

	Unit	Climate data location	Project location
Latitude	°N	-29.3	-29.3
Longitude	°E	27.5	27.5
Elevation	m	1,704	1,704
Heating design temperature	°C	-0.1	
Cooling design temperature	°C	26.5	
Earth temperature amplitude	°C	18.9	

Month	Air temperature °C	Relative humidity %	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Atmospheric pressure kPa	Wind speed m/s	Earth temperature °C	Heating degree-days °C-d	Cooling degree-days °C-d
January	19.6	57.3%	7.15	83.1	3.6	22.1	0	298
February	19.1	58.6%	6.40	83.2	3.3	21.1	0	254
March	17.5	56.4%	5.58	83.3	3.3	19.3	15	233
April	14.4	52.3%	4.74	83.4	3.4	15.9	107	133
May	10.3	51.4%	4.04	83.5	3.6	11.1	238	10
June	6.2	54.4%	3.62	83.6	3.9	6.4	354	0
July	6.2	51.0%	3.90	83.7	4.0	6.6	365	0
August	9.5	44.2%	4.78	83.6	4.2	10.6	264	0
September	13.7	41.6%	5.68	83.4	4.3	15.8	130	110
October	16.0	50.3%	6.24	83.3	4.0	18.8	62	186
November	17.5	52.6%	6.94	83.2	3.8	20.7	14	226
December	18.8	55.7%	7.35	83.1	3.6	21.8	0	274
Annual	14.0	52.1%	5.53	83.4	3.7	15.8	1,549	1,724
Measured at	m				10.0	0.0		

4.4.1.2 Potential power generation: 20 MW PV Plant Grid connected

For the proposed case of a 20 MW grid connected PV plant with no tracking and a panel tilt angle of 28°, the expected average daily solar radiation at a tilt angle of 28° is 6.06kWh/m². The estimated yield from the proposed solution is 32 GWh.

Resource assessment

Solar tracking mode

Fixed

Slope

28.0

Azimuth

180.0

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Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m ² /d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	7.15	6.51	600.0	3,576
February	6.40	6.24	600.0	3,097
March	5.58	5.93	600.0	3,277
April	4.74	5.71	600.0	3,087
May	4.04	5.57	600.0	3,160
June	3.62	5.38	600.0	3,005
July	3.90	5.64	600.0	3,248
August	4.78	6.11	600.0	3,457
September	5.68	6.38	600.0	3,442
October	6.24	6.25	600.0	3,473
November	6.94	6.43	600.0	3,446
December	7.35	6.57	600.0	3,621
Annual	5.53	6.06	600.00	39,891
Annual solar radiation - horizontal	MWh/m ²	2.02		
Annual solar radiation - tilted	MWh/m ²	2.21		

4.4.1.3 Technology proposed:

4.4.1.3.1 Photovoltaic technology

Photovoltaic

Type

poly-Si

Power capacity

kW

19,910.00

Manufacturer

BP Solar

Model

poly-Si - AC Power Wall

90500 unit(s)

Efficiency

%

10.4%

Nominal operating cell temperature

°C

45

Temperature coefficient

% / °C

0.40%

Solar collector area

m²

191,627

Miscellaneous losses

%

1.0%

Inverter

Efficiency

%

97.0%

Capacity

kW

20000000.0

Miscellaneous losses

%

1.0%

Summary

Capacity factor

%

22.9%

Electricity exported to grid

MWh

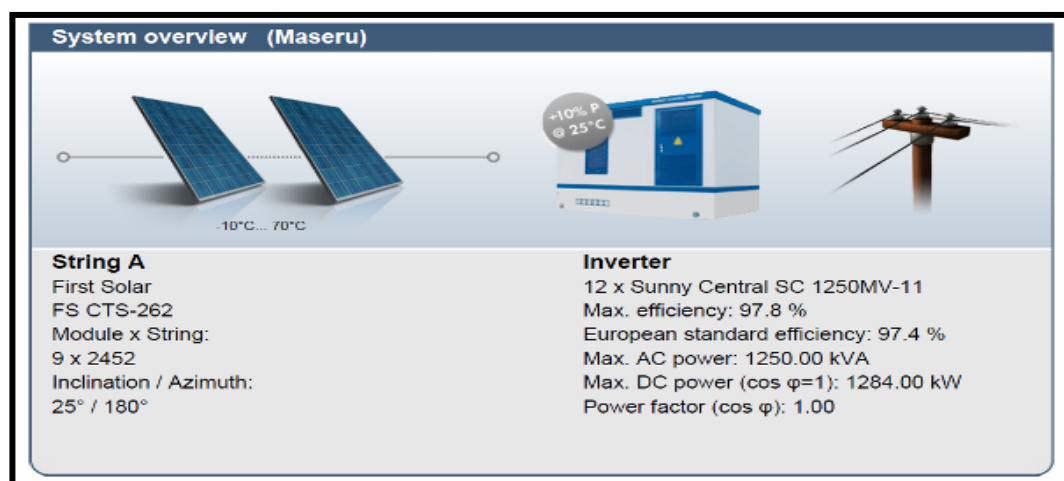
39,891

4.4.1.3.2 Thin Film + grid tie inverter with 20 KVA transformer

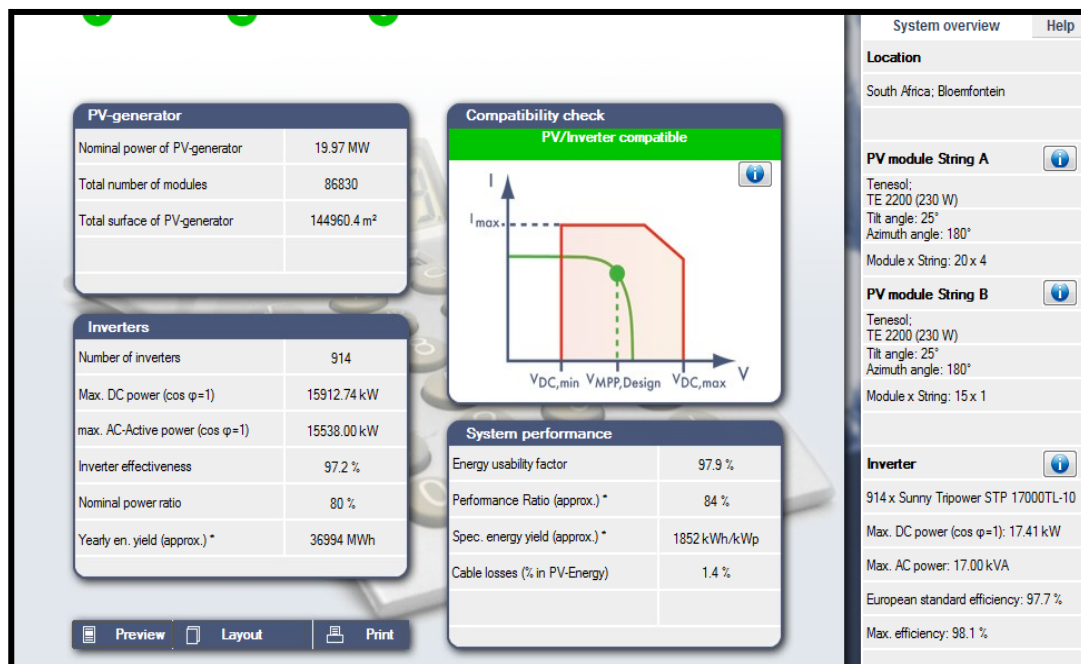


Figure 2: Sample panel and inverter layout

4.4.1.4 System Overview



Technical data	
Nominal power of PV-generator:	16.55 MW
Total number of modules:	264816
Total surface of PV-generator:	195460.8 m ²
Number of inverters:	12
Max. DC power (cos $\phi=1$):	15408.00 kW
max. AC-Active power (cos $\phi=1$):	15000.00 kW
Inverter effectiveness:	97.1 %
Nominal power ratio:	93 %
Yearly en. yield (approx.) *:	31464 MWh
Energy usability factor:	99.7 %
Performance Ratio (approx.) *:	85 %
Spec. energy yield (approx.) *:	1901 kWh/kWp
Cable losses (% in PV-Energy):	Not considered



4.4.1.5 CO₂ analysis

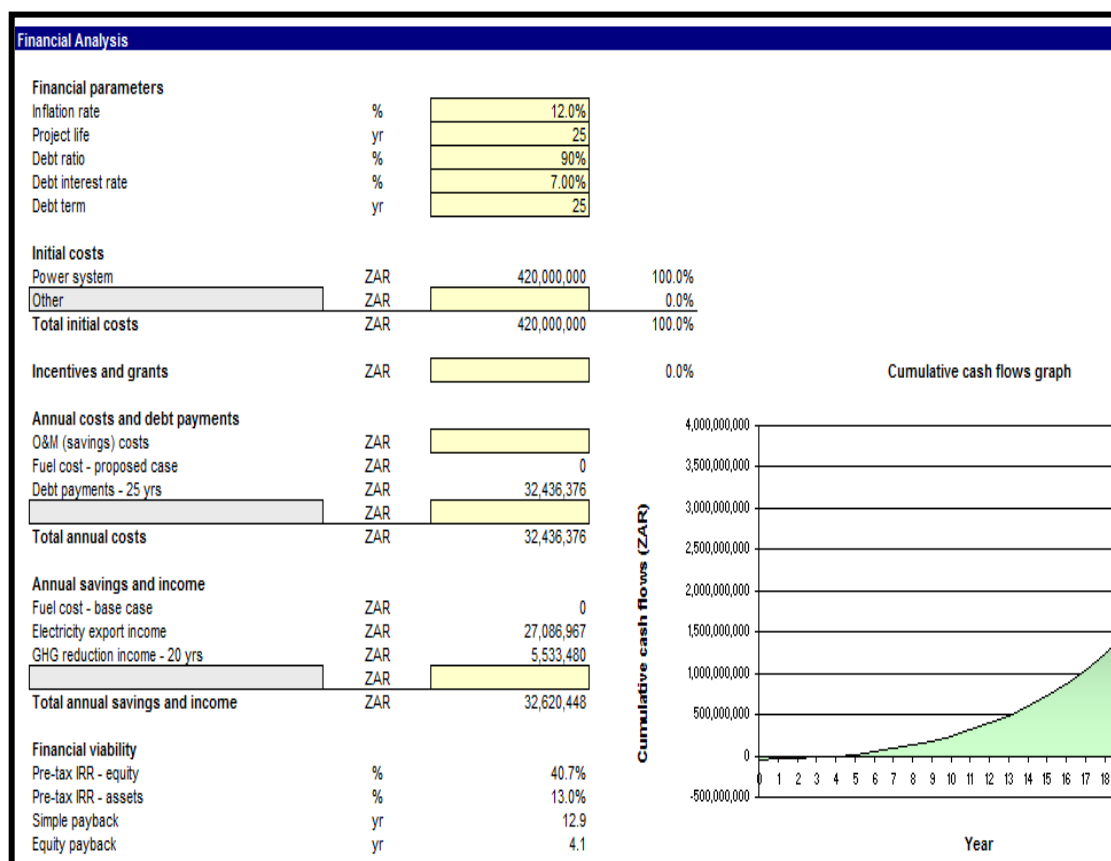
The implementation of this project reduces the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide as 3 674 hectares of carbon absorbing forest.

Emission Analysis					
Base case electricity system (Baseline)		GHG emission factor (excl. T&D)		T&D losses	GHG emission factor
Country - region	Fuel type	tCO ₂ /MWh		%	tCO ₂ /MWh
Lesotho	All types	1.240			1.240
Electricity exported to grid		MWh	39,891	T&D losses	5.0%
GHG emission					
Base case	tCO ₂	49,464.7			
Proposed case	tCO ₂	2,473.2			
Gross annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	46,991.5			
GHG credits transaction fee	%	15.0%			
Net annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	39,942.8	is equivalent to	3,674	Hectares of forest absorbing carbon
GHG reduction income					
GHG reduction credit rate	ZAR/tCO ₂	110.00			
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	25			
GHG reduction credit escalation rate	%	6.0%			

4.4.1.6 Financial analysis

The projected project cost amounts to a turnkey amount of R24.00 per watt.

Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m ² /d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	7.15	6.42	500.0	2,879
February	6.40	6.18	500.0	2,504
March	5.58	5.92	500.0	2,659
April	4.74	5.74	500.0	2,512
May	4.04	5.64	500.0	2,574
June	3.62	5.47	500.0	2,439
July	3.90	5.73	500.0	2,635
August	4.78	6.16	500.0	2,806
September	5.68	6.38	500.0	2,791
October	6.24	6.21	500.0	2,800
November	6.94	6.35	500.0	2,767
December	7.35	6.47	500.0	2,907
Annual	5.53	6.06	500.00	32,274



4.4.2 Hlotse

Hlotse is ideally suited for a large solar installation as it has very high solar radiation levels. The ability to transmit this power is still under discussion, however.

- Location: 28 51 57 S 25 05 26 E;
- Usable area: 20,000 m²;
- Potential 2 MW solar farm installation;
- Grid tie inverter technology reach up to 98% efficiency;
- Grid tie inverters with a 2 MVA transformer; and
- 11 months to install the farm.



4.4.2.1 Climate data

	Air temperature	Relative humidity	Daily solar radiation - horizontal	Atmospheric pressure	Wind speed	Earth temperature	Heating degree-days	Cooling degree-days
	°C	%	kWh/m ² /d	kPa	m/s	°C	°C-d	°C-d
Jan	19.2	59.5%	7.22	83.8	3.8	21.6	0	285
Feb	18.7	61.0%	6.54	83.9	3.6	20.5	0	244
Mar	17.1	59.4%	5.62	84.0	3.6	18.5	27	221
Apr	14.3	53.8%	4.65	84.1	3.6	15.3	113	128
May	10.5	51.6%	3.93	84.2	3.9	10.9	233	15
Jun	6.6	53.6%	3.45	84.3	4.2	6.5	341	0
Jul	6.6	50.6%	3.76	84.3	4.2	6.6	352	0
Aug	9.5	45.5%	4.65	84.2	4.3	10.2	264	0
Sep	13.2	44.3%	5.57	84.1	4.4	14.9	145	95
Oct	15.4	52.4%	6.32	84.0	4.2	18.0	81	167
Nov	17.1	53.6%	6.98	83.9	4.0	20.2	27	213
Dec	18.7	56.0%	7.44	83.8	3.7	21.7	0	268

4.4.2.2 Potential power generation: 2 MW PV Plant Grid connected

Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m ² /d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	7.15	6.63	600.0	397.9
February	6.40	6.31	600.0	342.0
March	5.58	5.94	600.0	357.3
April	4.74	5.66	600.0	330.0
May	4.04	5.46	600.0	330.4
June	3.62	5.24	600.0	308.5
July	3.90	5.50	600.0	334.7
August	4.78	6.02	600.0	364.2
September	5.68	6.36	600.0	370.9
October	6.24	6.30	600.0	379.4
November	6.94	6.54	600.0	380.4
December	7.35	6.70	600.0	402.7
Annual	5.53	6.05	600.00	4,298.3

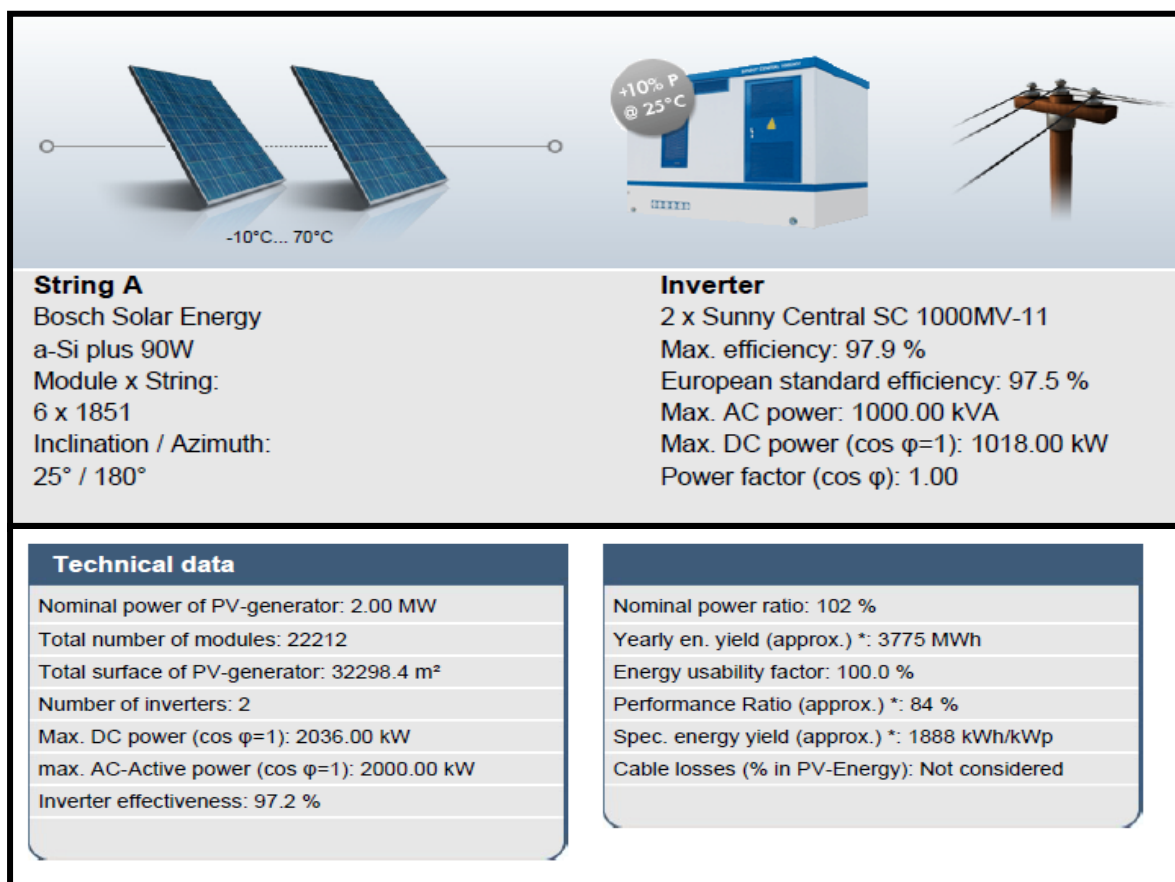
Figure 3: Approximate range of annual generation: Total 4.1 GW hours per annum

4.4.2.3 Technology proposed: Thin Film + grid tie inverter with 2 MVA Transformer



Figure 4: Sample panel and inverter layout

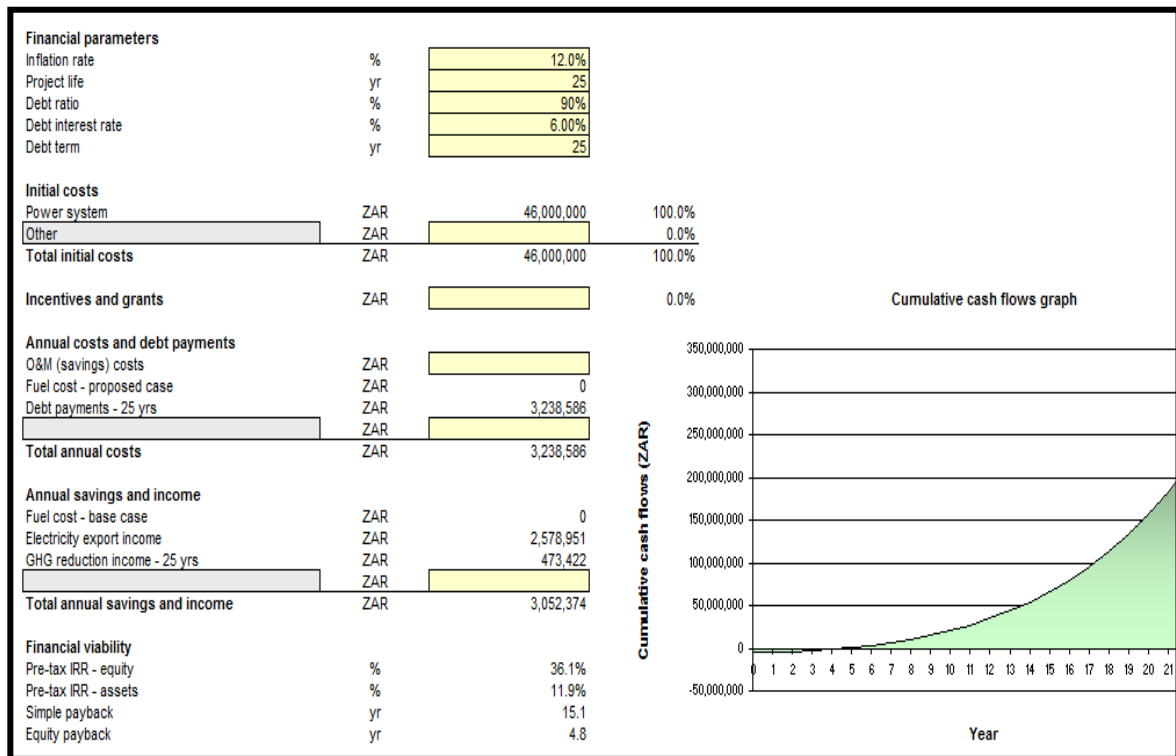
4.4.2.4 System Overview



4.4.2.5 CO₂ analysis

2 Emission Analysis					
Base case electricity system (Baseline)		GHG emission factor (excl. T&D)		T&D losses	GHG emission factor
Country - region	Fuel type	tCO ₂ /MWh		%	tCO ₂ /MWh
Lesotho	All types	1,240			1,240
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	39,891		T&D losses	5.0%
GHG emission					
Base case	tCO ₂	49,464.7			
Proposed case	tCO ₂	2,473.2			
Gross annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	46,991.5			
GHG credits transaction fee	%	15.0%			
Net annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	39,942.8	is equivalent to	3,674	Hectares of forest absorbing carbon
GHG reduction income					
GHG reduction credit rate	ZAR/tCO ₂	110.00			
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	25			
GHG reduction credit escalation rate	%	6.0%			

4.4.2.6 Financial analysis



The capital cost per watt for solar is typically 24 Rand (but could vary based on location and distance from existing infrastructure).

Existing site access: Easily accessible


Distance from paved road: Dirt road access 500 m

Site requirement civils and base structure:

- Site is very rocky and requires concrete blocks to be used as bases, adding to cost;
- Enclosing the area with 2,00 meters high steel palisade fence;
- Pedestrian Gate 2,00*2,00 meters;
- PV structure, including hot dip-galvanized trapezoidal profiles for foundation, structural beams in galvanised steel, clamps, screw & nuts;
- Anchoring & mounting structure; and
- Formwork & Reinforced Concrete.

4.4.3 Mafeteng

Mafeteng is ideally suited for a large solar installation as it has very high solar radiation levels. The ability to transmit this power is still under discussion however:

- Location: 29 48 50 S 25 05 26 E; 
- Usable area: 20,000 m²;
- Potential 2 MW solar farm installation;
- Grid tie inverter technology reach up to 98% efficiency;
- Grid tie inverters with 2 MVA transformer; and
- 15 months to install the farm.



4.4.3.1 Climate data

Month	Air temperature °C	Relative humidity %	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Atmospheric pressure kPa	Wind speed m/s
January	19.2	59.5%	7.22	83.8	3.8
February	18.7	61.0%	6.54	83.9	3.6
March	17.1	59.4%	5.62	84.0	3.6
April	14.3	53.8%	4.65	84.1	3.6
May	10.5	51.6%	3.93	84.2	3.9
June	6.6	53.6%	3.45	84.3	4.2
July	6.6	50.6%	3.76	84.3	4.2
August	9.5	45.5%	4.65	84.2	4.3
September	13.2	44.3%	5.57	84.1	4.4
October	15.4	52.4%	6.32	84.0	4.2
November	17.1	53.6%	6.98	83.9	4.0
December	18.7	56.0%	7.44	83.8	3.7
Annual	13.9	53.4%	5.51	84.0	4.0

4.4.3.2 Potential power generation: 2 MW PV Plant Grid connected

Resource assessment

Solar tracking mode

Slope

Azimuth

°

°

Fixed
27.0
180.0

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Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m²/d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m²/d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	7.22	6.64	600.0	580.0
February	6.54	6.43	600.0	507.0
March	5.62	6.02	600.0	526.3
April	4.65	5.62	600.0	477.2
May	3.93	5.43	600.0	478.4
June	3.45	5.12	600.0	438.2
July	3.76	5.44	600.0	481.0
August	4.65	5.95	600.0	523.7
September	5.57	6.28	600.0	533.2
October	6.32	6.38	600.0	559.1
November	6.98	6.53	600.0	553.0
December	7.44	6.72	600.0	587.3
Annual	5.51	6.05	600.00	6,244.4

Annual solar radiation - horizontal

Annual solar radiation - tilted

MWh/m²

MWh/m²

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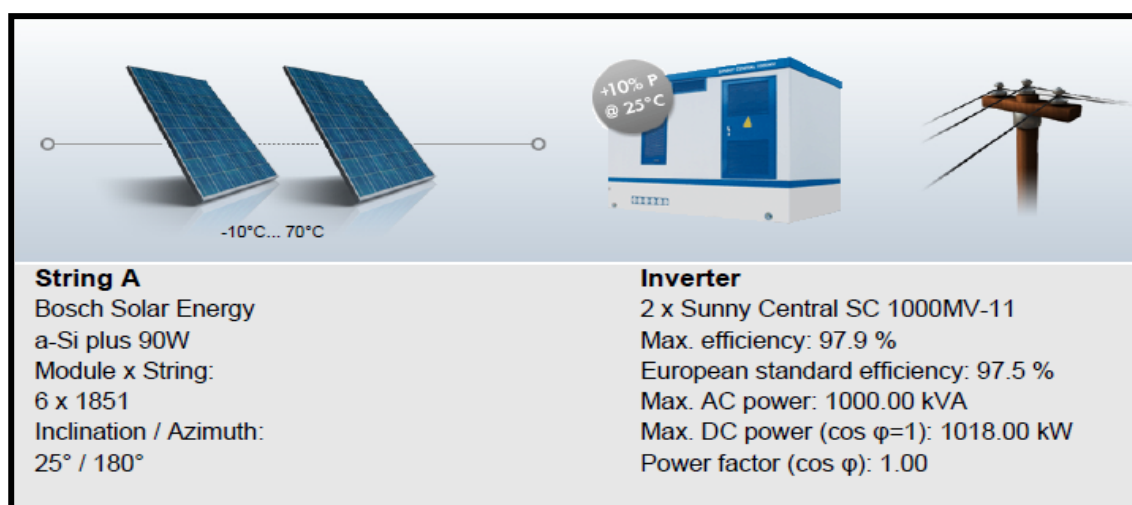
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4.4.3.3 Technology proposed: Thin Film + grid tie inverter with 2 MVA Transformer



Figure 5: Sample panel and inverter layout

4.4.3.4 System overview



Technical data	
Nominal power of PV-generator: 2.00 MW	
Total number of modules: 22212	
Total surface of PV-generator: 32298.4 m²	
Number of inverters: 2	
Max. DC power (cos φ=1): 2036.00 kW	
max. AC-Active power (cos φ=1): 2000.00 kW	
Inverter effectiveness: 97.2 %	

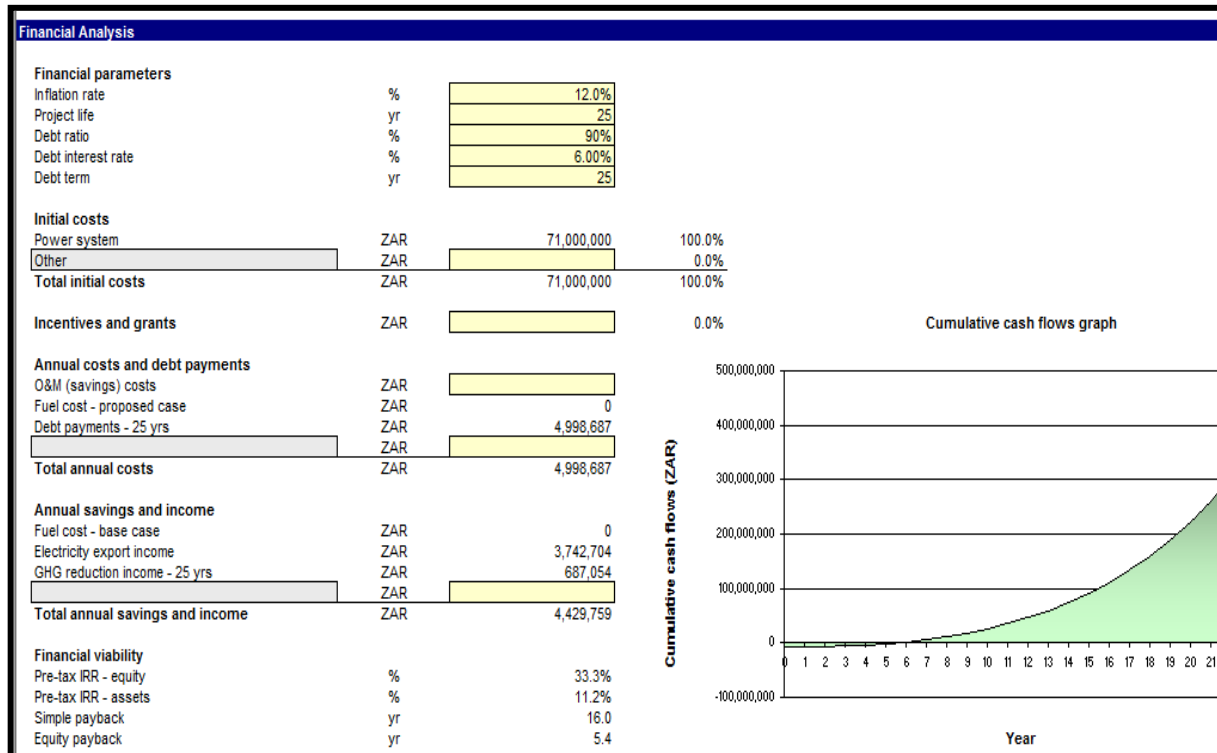
Nominal power ratio: 102 %
Yearly en. yield (approx.) *: 3775 MWh
Energy usability factor: 100.0 %
Performance Ratio (approx.) *: 84 %
Spec. energy yield (approx.) *: 1888 kWh/kWp
Cable losses (% in PV-Energy): Not considered

4.4.3.5 CO 2 analysis

Emission Analysis					
Base case electricity system (Baseline)		GHG emission factor (excl. T&D)	T&D losses	GHG emission factor	
Country - region	Fuel type	tCO2/MWh	%	tCO2/MWh	
Lesotho	All types	1.240		1.240	
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	39,891	T&D losses	5.0%	
GHG emission					
Base case	tCO2	49,464.7			
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GHG credits transaction fee	%	15.0%			
Net annual GHG emission reduction	tCO2	39,942.8	is equivalent to	3,674	Hectares of forest absorbing carbon
GHG reduction income					
GHG reduction credit rate	ZAR/tCO2	110.00			
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	25			
GHG reduction credit escalation rate	%	6.0%			

4.4.3.6 Financial analysis

The capital cost per watt for solar is typically 24 Rand (but could vary based on location and distance from existing infrastructure).



Existing Site Access: Easily accessible

Distance from paved road: Dirt road access; 5 Km to power line access

Site requirement civils and base structure:

- Site is very rocky and requires concrete blocks to be used as bases, adding to cost;
- Enclosing the area with 2,00 meters high steel palisade fence;
- PV structure including hot dip-galvanized trapezoidal profiles for foundation, structural beams in galvanised steel, clamps, screw & nuts;
- Anchoring & mounting structure; and
- Formwork & Reinforced Concrete.

4.4.4 Maputsoe

Maputsoe is ideally suited for a large solar installation as it has very high solar radiation levels. The solution is based on utilising the existing roof space of the surrounding factories:

- Location: 29 48 50"S 27.14 28" E;
- Usable area: 10,000 m²;
- Potential 1 MW solar farm installation;
- Grid tie inverter technology reach up to 98% efficiency;
- Grid tie inverters with 1 MVA transformer; and



- 12 months to install the farm.

4.4.4.1 Climate data

Month	Air temperature	Relative Humidity	Daily solar radiation – horizontal-	Atmospheric pressure	Wind Speed
	°C	%	kWh/m ² /d	kPa	m/s
Jan	17.8	65.9%	6.90	82.3	3.6
Feb	17.5	66.4%	6.28	82.3	3.3
Mar	16.3	63.3%	5.49	82.4	3.3
Apr	13.6	56.4%	4.70	82.5	3.4
May	10.1	52.1%	4.09	82.6	3.6
Jun	6.5	52.7%	3.64	82.7	4.0
Jul	6.5	50.0%	3.91	82.8	4.0
Aug	9.4	45.8%	4.75	82.7	4.2
Sep	13.1	46.0%	5.66	82.5	4.3
Oct	14.8	56.4%	6.04	82.5	4.1
Nov	16.1	59.6%	6.74	82.4	3.8
Dec	17.3	62.9%	7.02	82.3	3.5
Annual	13.2	56.4%	5.43	82.5	3.7

4.4.4.2 Potential power generation: 1 MW PV Plant Grid connected

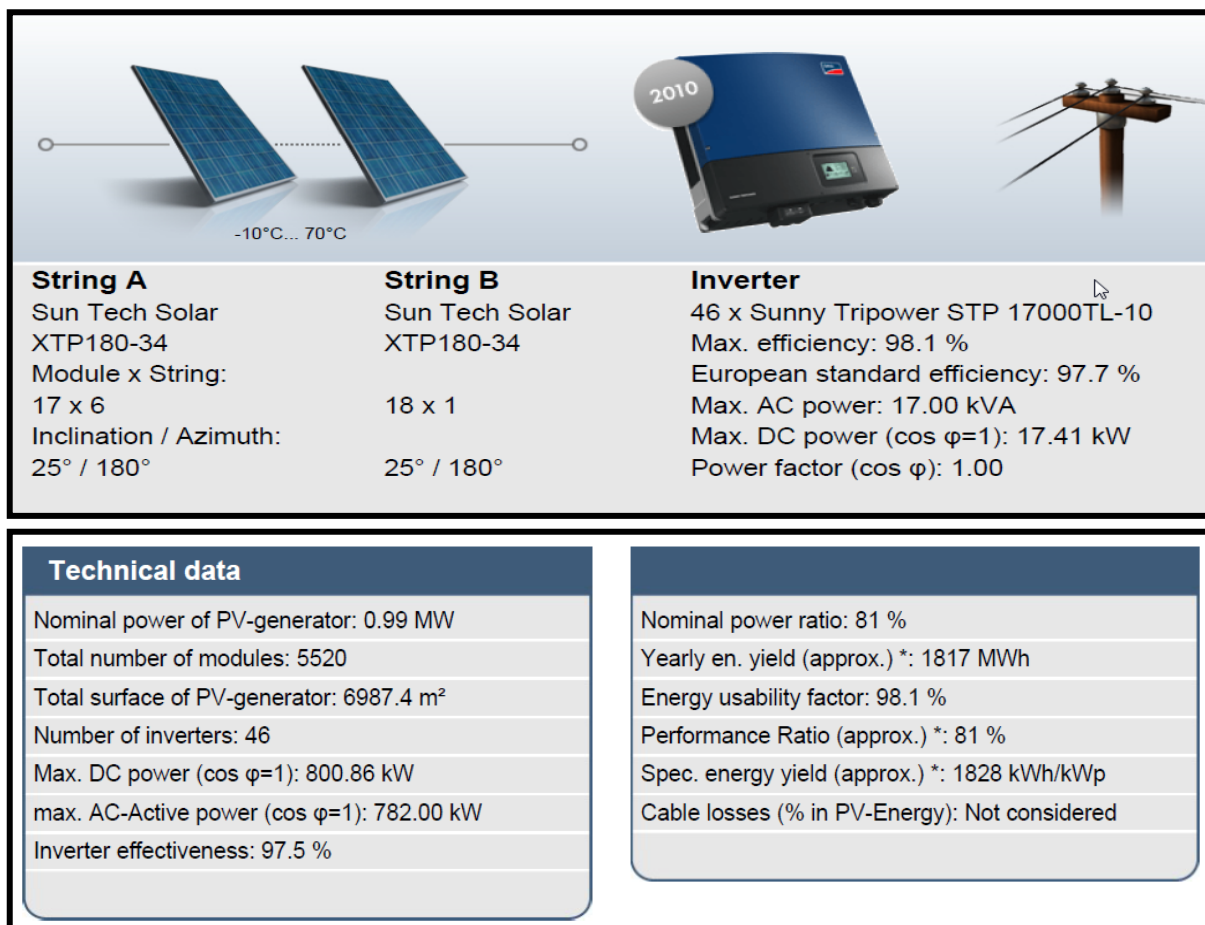
Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m ² /d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	7.15	6.63	650.0	192.8
February	6.40	6.31	650.0	165.9
March	5.58	5.94	650.0	174.1
April	4.74	5.66	650.0	162.2
May	4.04	5.46	650.0	164.3
June	3.62	5.24	650.0	155.4
July	3.90	5.50	650.0	168.3
August	4.78	6.02	650.0	180.8
September	5.68	6.36	650.0	182.0
October	6.24	6.30	650.0	185.6
November	6.94	6.54	650.0	185.5
December	7.35	6.70	650.0	195.6
Annual	5.53	6.05	650.00	2,112.4

4.4.4.3 Technology proposed: Thin Film + grid tie inverter with 1 MVA Transformer



Figure 6: Sample panel and inverter layout

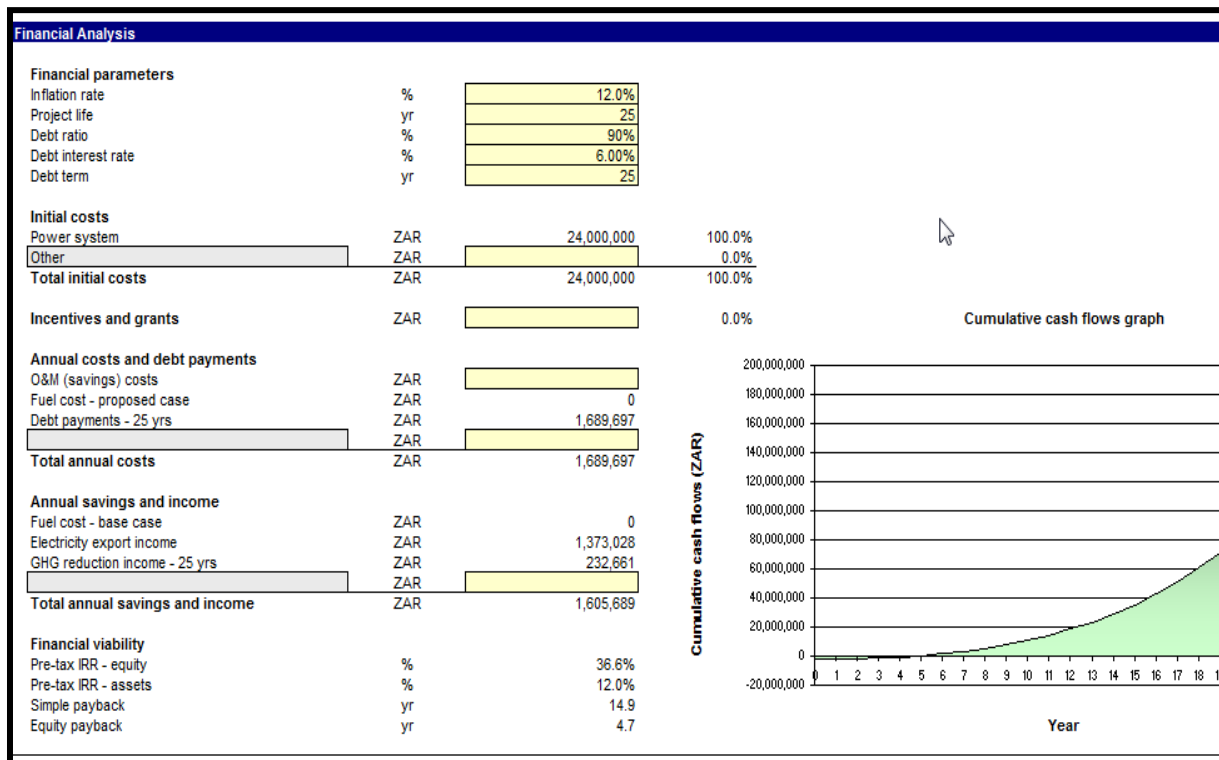
4.4.4.4 System overview



4.4.4.5 CO 2 analysis

Emission Analysis					
Base case electricity system (Baseline)		GHG emission factor (excl. T&D)	T&D losses	GHG emission factor	
Country - region	Fuel type	tCO ₂ /MWh	%	tCO ₂ /MWh	
Lesotho	All types	1,240		1,240	
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	39,891	T&D losses	5.0%	
GHG emission					
Base case	tCO ₂	49,464.7			
Proposed case	tCO ₂	2,473.2			
Gross annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	46,991.5			
GHG credits transaction fee	%	15.0%			
Net annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	39,942.8	is equivalent to	3,674	Hectares of forest absorbing carbon
GHG reduction income					
GHG reduction credit rate	ZAR/tCO ₂	110.00			
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	25			
GHG reduction credit escalation rate	%	6.0%			

4.4.4.6 Financial Analysis



Existing Site Access: Easily accessible

Distance from paved road: Dirt road access; 1 Km to power line access

Site requirement civils and base structure:

- Site is very rocky and requires concrete blocks to be used as bases, adding to cost;
- Enclosing the area with 2,00 meters high steel palisade fence;
- PV structure including hot dip-galvanized trapezoidal profiles for foundation, structural beams in galvanised steel, clamps, screw & nuts; and
- Anchoring & mounting structure.

4.4.5 Mohale's Hoek

Mohale's Hoek is ideally suited for a large solar installation as it has very high solar radiation levels. The ability to transmit this power is still under discussion however.

- Location: 30.08 36"S 27.29 31"E;
- Usable area: 75,000 m²;
- Potential 5 MW solar farm installation;

- Grid tie inverter technology reach up to 98% efficiency;
- Grid tie inverters with 3 MVA transformer; and
- 18 months to install the farm.



Month	Air temperature °C	Relative humidity %	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Atmospheric pressure kPa	Wind speed m/s
January	19.2	59.5%	7.22	83.8	3.8
February	18.7	61.0%	6.54	83.9	3.6
March	17.1	59.4%	5.62	84.0	3.6
April	14.3	53.8%	4.65	84.1	3.6
May	10.5	51.6%	3.93	84.2	3.9
June	6.6	53.6%	3.45	84.3	4.2
July	6.6	50.6%	3.76	84.3	4.2
August	9.5	45.5%	4.65	84.2	4.3
September	13.2	44.3%	5.57	84.1	4.4
October	15.4	52.4%	6.32	84.0	4.2
November	17.1	53.6%	6.98	83.9	4.0
December	18.7	56.0%	7.44	83.8	3.7
Annual	13.9	53.4%	5.51	84.0	4.0

4.4.5.1 Climate data

4.4.5.2 Potential power generation: 5 MW PV Plant Grid connected

Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m ² /d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	7.22	6.72	600.0	977.7
February	6.54	6.47	600.0	850.8
March	5.62	6.02	600.0	877.8
April	4.65	5.58	600.0	789.7
May	3.93	5.35	600.0	785.8
June	3.45	5.02	600.0	717.1
July	3.76	5.35	600.0	788.2
August	4.65	5.89	600.0	863.9
September	5.57	6.26	600.0	886.3
October	6.32	6.41	600.0	936.5
November	6.98	6.60	600.0	931.2
December	7.44	6.81	600.0	991.3
Annual	5.51	6.04	600.00	10,396.4
MWh/m² 2.01				

Approximate generation capacity (MWs or kW): 5 MW Peak Watts output

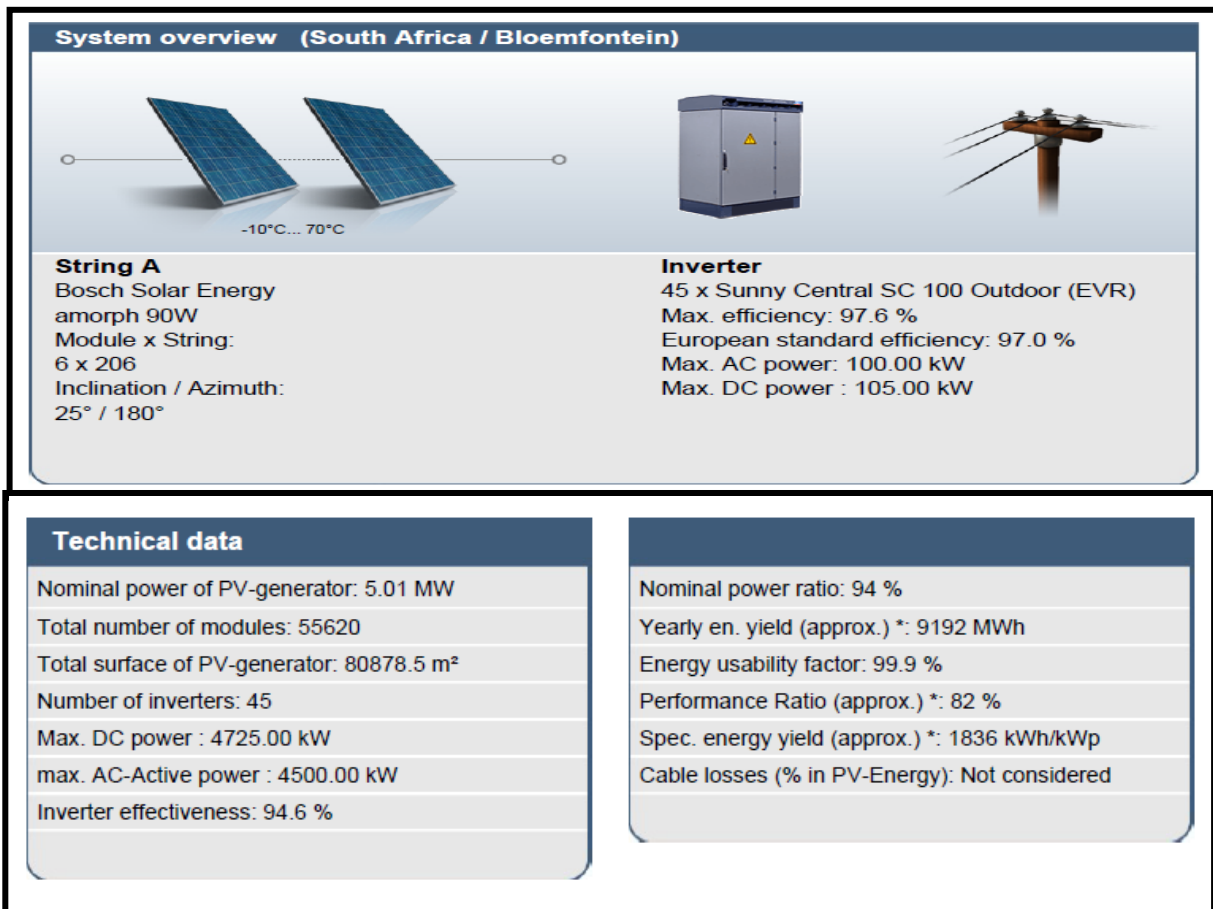
Approximate range of annual generation: Total 10 GW hours per annum:

4.4.5.3 Technology proposed: Thin Film + grid tie inverter with 5 MVA Transformer



Figure 7: Sample panel and inverter layout

4.4.5.4 System Overview



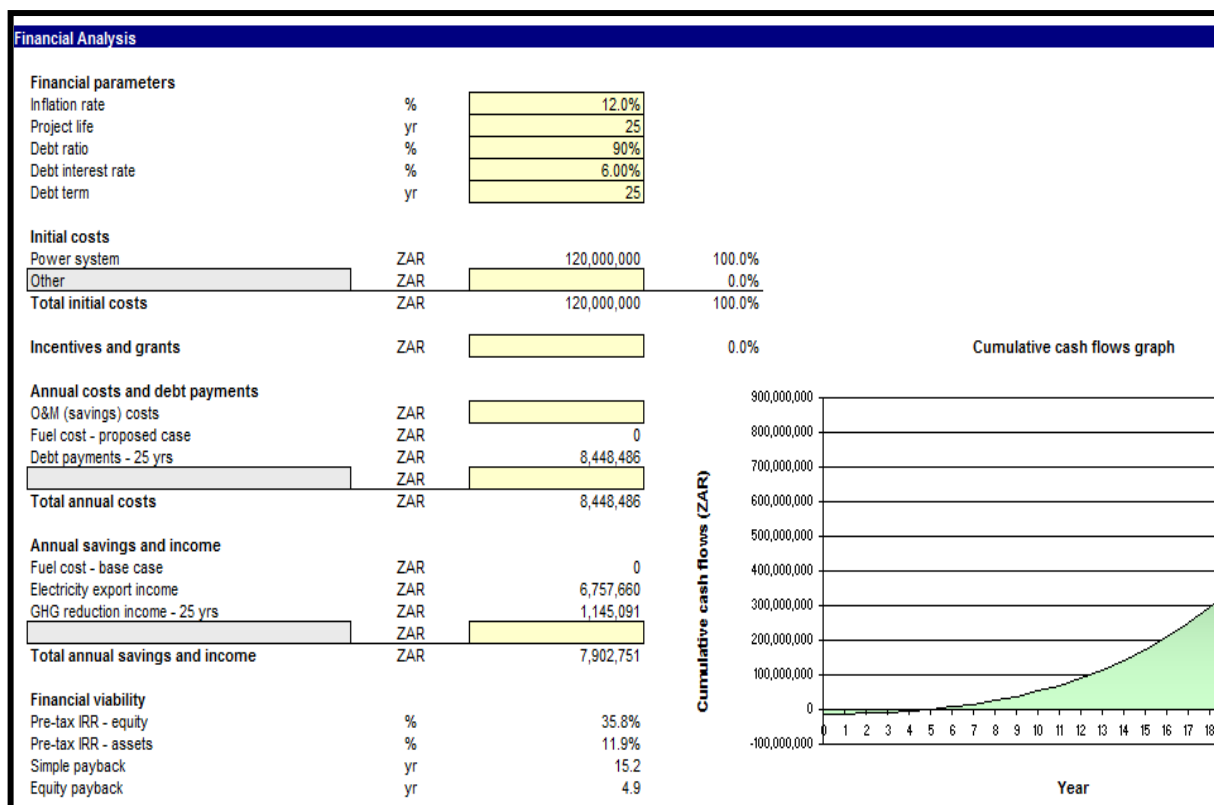
4.4.5.5 CO₂ analysis

Emission Analysis					
Base case electricity system (Baseline)		GHG emission factor (excl. T&D)	T&D losses	GHG emission factor	
Country - region	Fuel type	tCO ₂ /MWh	%	tCO ₂ /MWh	
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GHG reduction income					
GHG reduction credit rate	ZAR/tCO ₂	110.00			
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	25			
GHG reduction credit escalation rate	%	6.0%			

4.4.5.6 Financial Analysis

The capital cost per watt for solar is typically 24 Rand (but could vary based on location and distance from existing infrastructure).

Existing Site Access: Easily accessible



Distance from paved road: Farm road existing and accessible - 4 KM

Site requirement civil and base structure:

- Site is very rocky and requires concrete blocks to be used as bases, adding to cost;
- Enclosing the area with 2,00 meters high steel palisade fence;
- PV structure including hot dip-galvanized trapezoidal profiles for foundation, structural beams in galvanised steel, clamps, screw & nuts;
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5. CONCENTRATED SOLAR POWER GENERATION

5.1 Evaluation of CSP

Concentrating solar power (CSP), also referred to as concentrating solar thermal power, represents a powerful, clean, endless, and reliable source of energy with the capacity to entirely satisfy the present and future electricity needs.

Concentrating solar power plants produce no carbon dioxide (CO₂), thus reducing carbon emissions from electricity generation by approximately 1000kg per megawatt-hour.

The evolution of CO₂ emissions regulations, the pressure of international fossil fuel prices, and the experience, knowledge, and technological readiness amassed during several decades of CSP research has launched the technology into a new era of commercial reality.

The first thing to understand about concentrated solar power is that the primary form of energy it generates is solar thermal energy, also known as heat. This is very important because heat is able to be efficiently stored at significantly less cost than electricity.

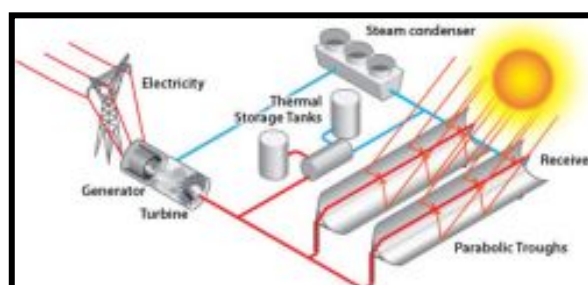
For solar technologies, energy storage is critical since the Sun isn't always available for energy production. Most often, oil or molten salt is used to store the heat generated by the *concentrated solar energy*. This is very cost effective compared to using batteries for storing solar electricity.

The second thing to understand about concentrated solar power is that the heat it generates is used to drive a turbine or engine. The turbine or engine then powers a generator which produces electricity. This electricity is then delivered to the grid.

5.2 Types of concentrated solar power systems

5.2.1 Trough system

Parabolic Trough Systems use parabola-shaped reflectors to focus sunlight onto a tube that runs along the focal-line of the reflectors. A heat-transfer fluid inside the tube is heated and used to generate steam to drive a conventional turbine generator which then produces electricity

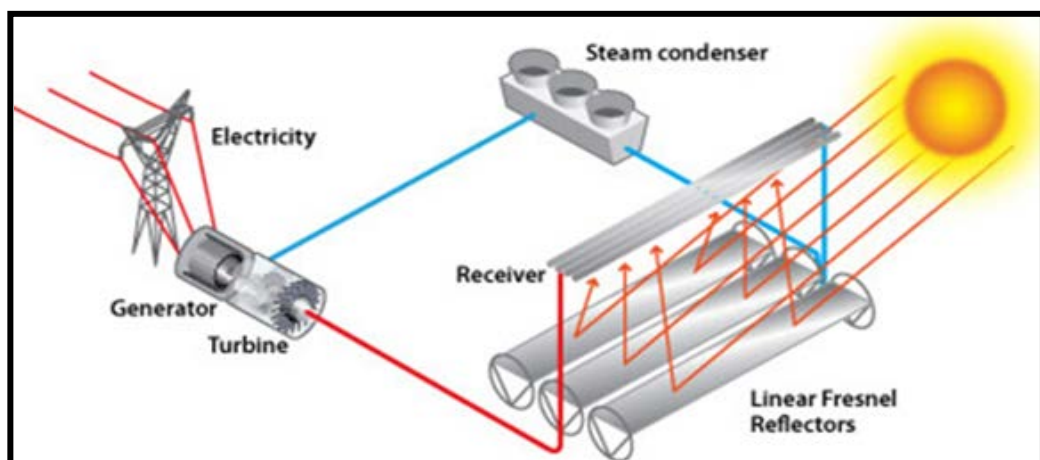


Parabolic Trough System
Image: Courtesy U.S. DOE/EERE



5.2.2 *Linear fresnel system*

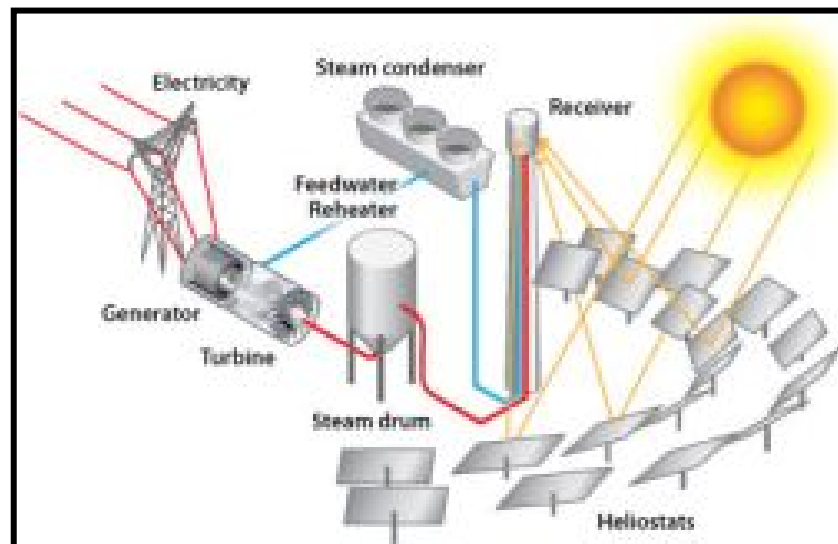
Linear Fresnel Reflectors which reflect and concentrate the solar radiation onto a receiver tube, positioned in the focal line. A Heat Transfer Fluid flows in the absorber tube and transfers the heat to a thermo-electrical turbine generator. During its operation the plant, is automatically oriented to capture and reflect the solar radiation towards the receiver tube. A thermal storage system guarantees the continuity of production. A solar field consists of several reflectors assembled in modules. The same module can be used either for large plants with high operating temperatures ($>400^{\circ}\text{C}$) and medium scale plants with operating temperatures in the range $>200^{\circ}\text{C} - 400^{\circ}\text{C}$.





5.2.3 Tower System

Power Tower Systems use a large field of Sun-tracking mirrors known as *heliostats* to focus sunlight onto a central receiver at the top of a tower. The receiver contains a heat-transfer fluid which is heated by the concentrated sunlight. The heat-transfer fluid is used to create steam which drives a conventional turbine generator to produce electricity.

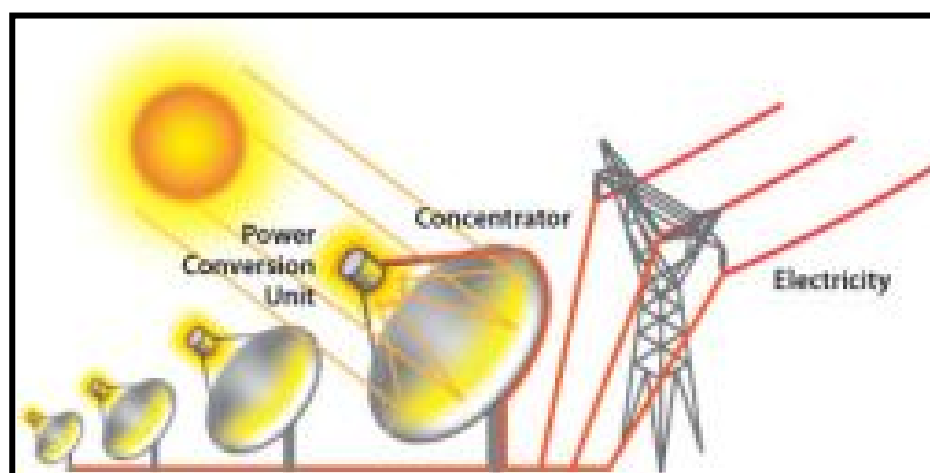


Power Tower System
Image: Courtesy U.S. DOE/EERE



5.2.4 *Dish / Engine system*

Dish/Engine Systems use a parabolic dish to focus sunlight onto a receiver located at the focal point of the dish. The dish tracks the Sun in order to take full advantage of the available solar energy. The receiver contains a fluid or gas which is heated by the concentrated sunlight. The heated fluid is used to drive a Stirling engine to produce electricity.



Dish/Engine System
Image: Courtesy U.S. DOE/EERE

5.3 References

The United States and Spain have integrated CSP into their national electricity supply grids through large-scale commercial plants. Eight of the 13 biggest planned CSP projects in the world will be located in California and Arizona

Spain and USA are the 2 leading countries in Solar Thermal Technology and Installations.

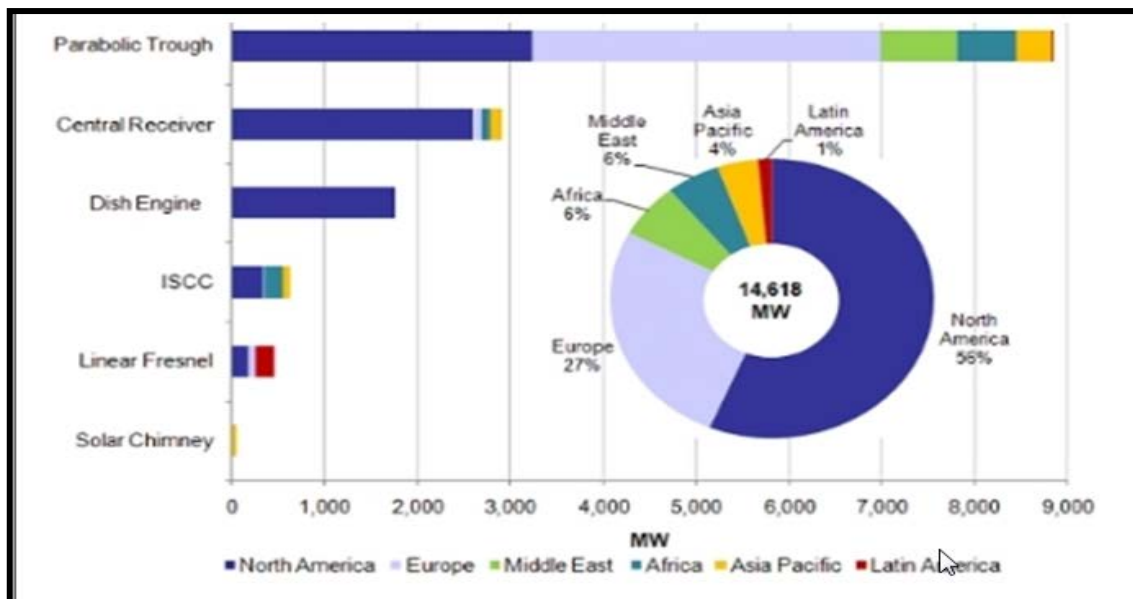
These 2 countries have installed 90% of the World's CSP capacity and are home to leading companies in this technology. While USA boasts of pure play companies like Bright source Energy, eSolar etc., Spain's CSP Leadership is bolstered by the likes of Energy Conglomerates like Abengoa and Acciona. Solar Thermal Technology has been getting traction recently with California approving a number of Solar Thermal plants.

These utility scale plants will be built over the next 4-5 years as CSP projects have a long gestation period. Spain on the other hand has forcefully delayed the commissioning of CSP projects as it faces a massive Fiscal Deficit problem.

To reduce the outgo of Renewable Subsidies, the government has arrived at an agreement with the Solar Thermal Industry to go slow in commission new plants. Bengal has been affected by this agreement though it is a much less drastic cut on Renewable than was expected earlier.

Spanish CSP Leader Abengoa thinks Solar Thermal Technology won't reach Grid Parity till 2020.

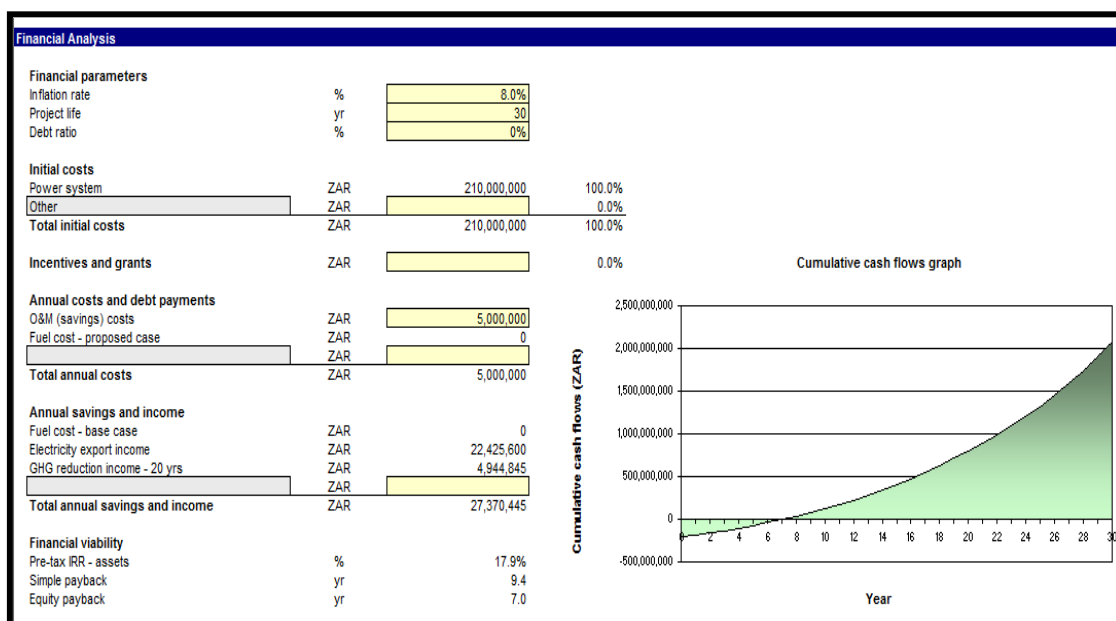




5.4 Financial analysis for CSP site outside Maseru 10 MW

Many companies are advertising mini-CSP or "low-cost" CSP technologies that come in at an extremely affordable cost per installed watt. Let us not forget that the size of a mini-CSP plant of 5-10 MW is still likely to require about R100m upfront capital. For this to be raised at a reasonable interest rate they will need a period of testing, and for this reason we believe these technologies are likely to be built in South Africa initially as government or other grant-funded research projects.

Proposed case power system				
Technology	Solar thermal power			
Solar thermal power				
Power capacity	kW	10,000		
Manufacturer	Solel			
Model	UVAC 2008			
Capacity factor	%	32.0%		
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	28,032		
Electricity export rate	ZAR/MWh	800.00		
Emission Analysis				
Base case electricity system (Baseline)		GHG emission factor (excl. T&D)	T&D losses	GHG emission factor
Country - region	Fuel type	tCO ₂ /MWh	%	tCO ₂ /MWh
South Africa	All types	1.000	5.0%	1.053
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	28,032	T&D losses	2.0%
GHG emission				
Base case	tCO ₂	29,507.4		
Proposed case	tCO ₂	590.1		
Gross annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	28,917.2		
GHG credits transaction fee	%	10.0%		
Net annual GHG emission reduction	tCO ₂	26,025.5	is equivalent to	2,394 Hectares of forest absorbing carbon
GHG reduction income				
GHG reduction credit rate	ZAR/tCO ₂	190.00		
GHG reduction credit duration	yr	20		
GHG reduction credit escalation rate	%	4.0%		



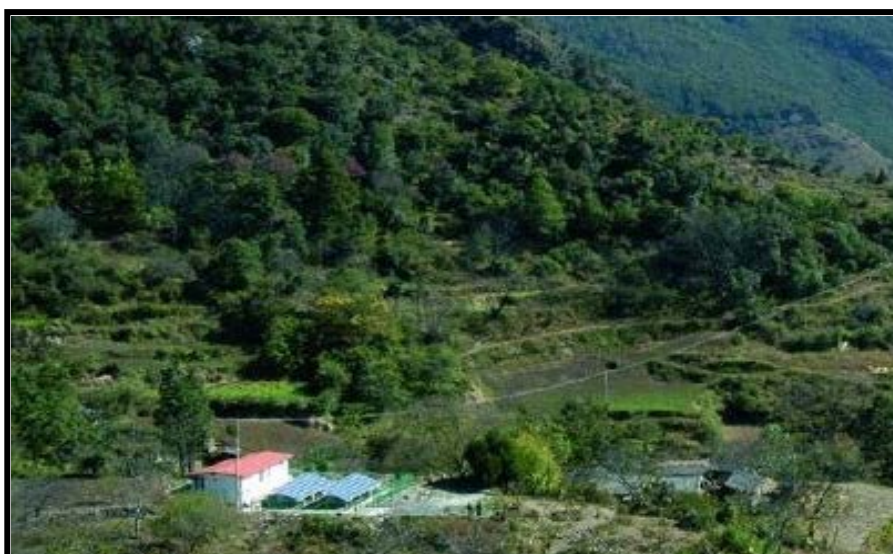
6. RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

On the rural level electrification will have a profound impact; the simply basic lighting could make big difference in the population life.

With the installation of small of grid solutions, it is possible supply enough AC power for a small fridge and some TV and other basic requirements.

The next few pages will show some of the examples of hybrid power solutions; the power is distributed in an off grid fashion, but uses a hub and spoke topology to distribute the power between small villages; this solution for a small village can start with 5KW and expand to 300KW. Could be installed small wind, PV and hydro single or combined.

6.1 OFF grid communities sharing and generating power together

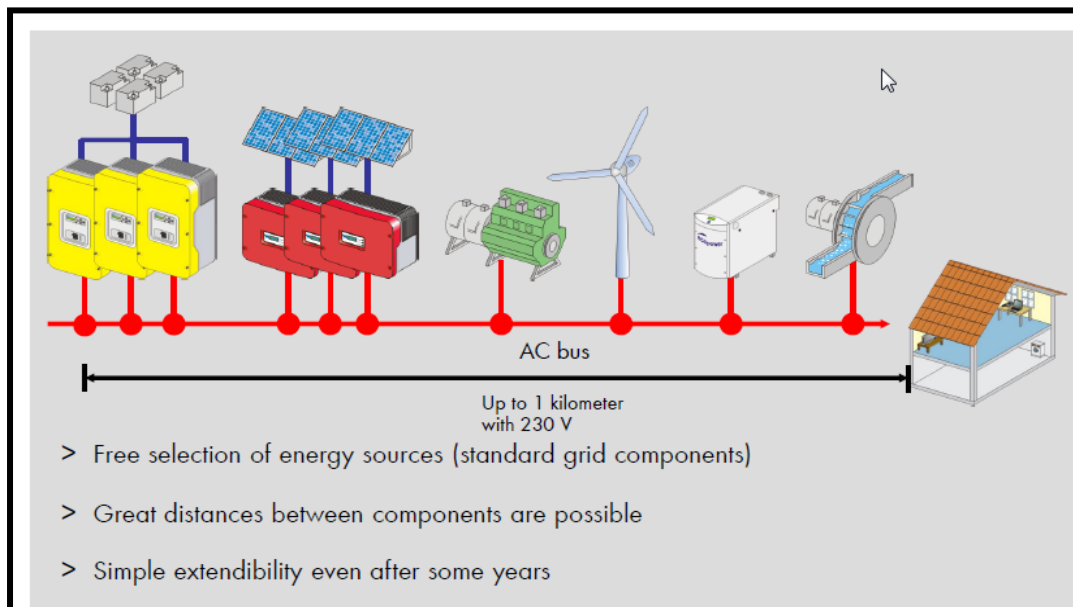


- > Approx. 1.6 billion people are living without a regular supply of electricity
- > Connecting remote areas to public utilities is often uneconomical
- > There is a lack of development potentialities
- > Increasing poverty is the result



6.2 Hybrid systems

This system can use a self regulating AC bus to share power between users and producers. If the house is build on the hill it is possible share his wind power with the user in the valley with the mini hydro turbine.



6.2.1 Advantages of AC coupling: planning:

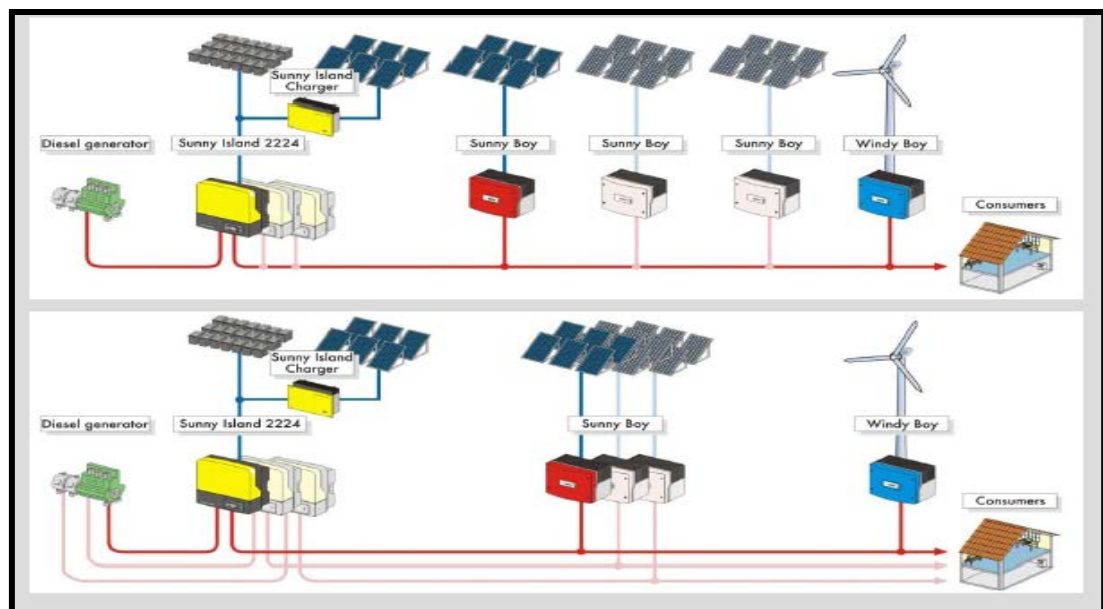
- Simple design;
- Manageable;
- Modular;
- Special knowledge is not required;
- Standard energy sources;
- Standard installation technologies can be used;

- Little efforts;
- Low planning costs; and
- Little planning time.

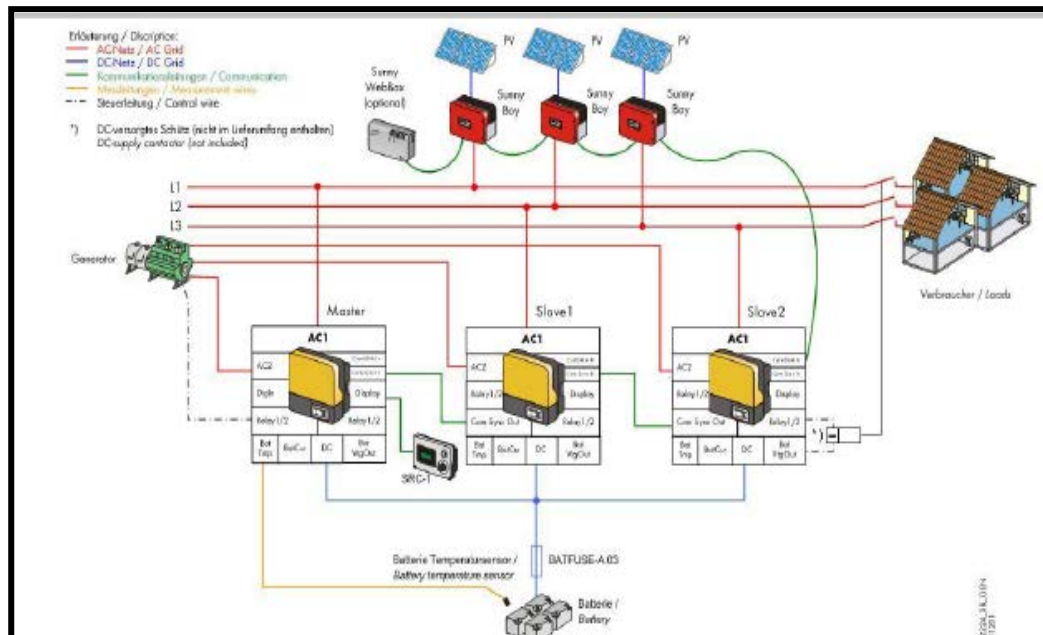
6.2.2 ***Adding additional inverters***

- without changing other components;
- without reconfiguring the lines;
- independent of distances;
- Extension of phase number;
- from 1-phase to 3-phase;
- from 1-phase to split phase;
- Increase of source power without additional costs; and
- Extension of loads without additional costs.

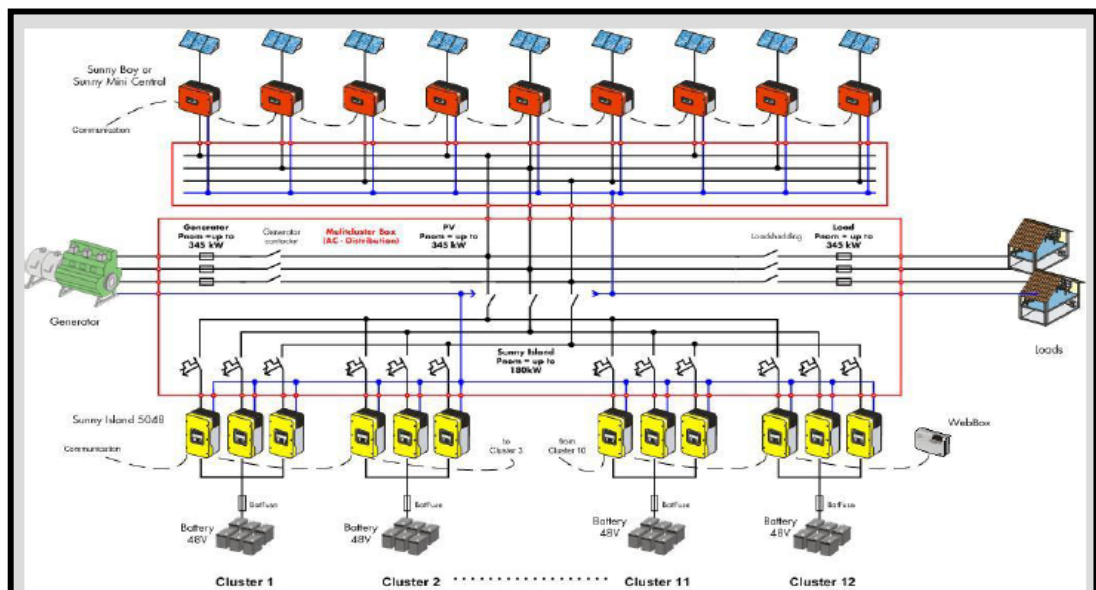
6.2.3 ***Single phase solutions can easily be extended to 3 phase systems***



6.2.4 Then upgrades to 3 phase system



6.2.5 Additional 3 phase clusters to supply 500KVA Peak.



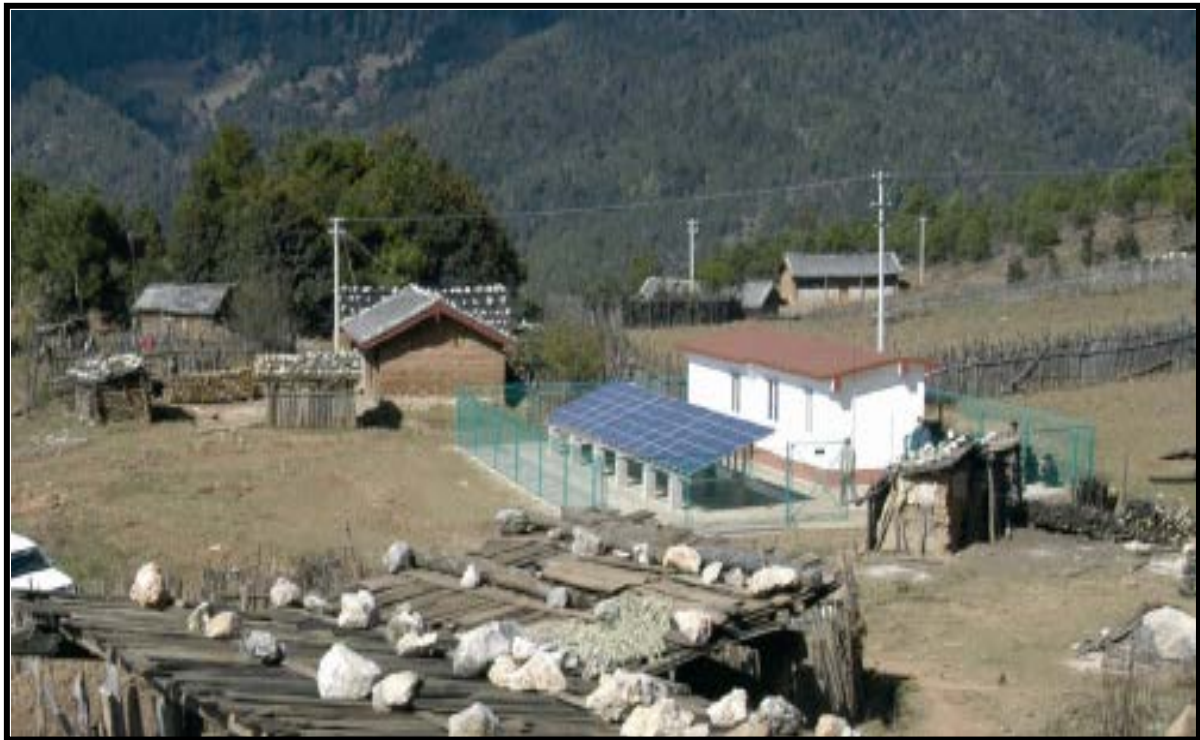


Figure 8: Village starts on a single phase system



Figure 9: Tsoelike off grid system sample

6.3 Comparison between Diesel Generation and Solar power generation

The proposal is based on providing a hybrid power solution for a small village using solar wind and diesel generator.

The solution is compared to using a diesel generator to run the community.

Power project		Unit
Base case power system		
Grid type	Off-grid	
Technology		
Fuel type	Diesel (#2 oil) - L	
Fuel rate	ZAR/L	10,000
Capacity	kW	80
Heat rate	kJ/kWh	13,000
Annual O&M cost	ZAR	50,000
Electricity rate - base case	ZAR/kWh	3.507
Total electricity cost	ZAR	1,467,830
Base case load characteristics		
	Power gross average load	
Month	kW	
January	40	
February	45	
March	50	
April	55	
May	60	
June	60	
July	50	
August	45	
September	40	
October	40	
November	40	
December	40	
System peak electricity load over max monthly average	50.0%	
Peak load - annual	90	
Electricity	MWh	419

RETScreen Energy Model - Power project

Proposed case power system

Incremental

Base load power system

Technology

Photovoltaic

Analysis type

☐ Method 1
☒ Method 2

Resource assessment

Solar tracking mode

Fixed

Slope

27.0

Azimuth

180.0

☒ Show data

Month	Daily solar radiation - horizontal kWh/m ² /d	Daily solar radiation - tilted kWh/m ² /d	Electricity export rate ZAR/MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh
January	6.75	6.23		0.000
February	6.19	6.08		0.000
March	5.39	5.75		0.000
April	4.53	5.45		0.000
May	3.87	5.33		0.000
June	3.41	5.04		0.000
July	3.65	5.24		0.000
August	4.50	5.71		0.000
September	5.39	6.05		0.000
October	5.90	5.94		0.000
November	6.60	6.18		0.000
December	6.91	6.27		0.000
Annual	5.25	5.77	0.00	0.000

Annual solar radiation - horizontal MWh/m² 1.92
Annual solar radiation - tilted MWh/m² 2.11

Photovoltaic #1

Photovoltaic #1

Type

mono-Si

Power capacity

kW

35.00

ZAR 1,000,000

Manufacturer

Q-Cells

Model

a-Si - SN2-125.0W 20000 unit(s)

Efficiency

%

7.0%

Nominal operating cell temperature

°C

45

Temperature coefficient

% / °C

0.40%

Solar collector area

m²

498

Control method

Maximum power point tracker

Miscellaneous losses

%

1.0%

Inverter

Efficiency

%

97.5%

Capacity

kW

80.0

Miscellaneous losses

%

1.0%

Summary

Capacity factor

%

21.9%

Electricity delivered to load

MWh

0.000

Electricity exported to grid

MWh

0.000

Intermediate load power system

Technology

Wind turbine

Wind turbine #2

Power capacity

kW

20

22.2%

ZAR 400,000

[See product database](#)

Manufacturer

ReDriven

Model

20 kW

1 unit(s)

Capacity factor

%

32.0%

Electricity delivered to load

MWh

56

13.4%

Electricity exported to grid

MWh

0

Electricity rate - base case

ZAR/MWh

3,506.73

Fuel rate - proposed case power system

ZAR/MWh

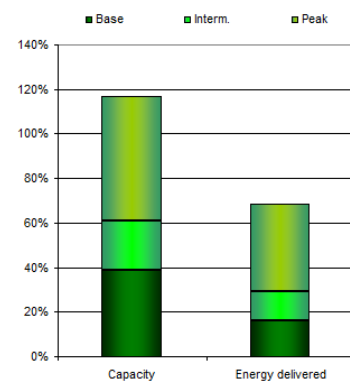
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Electricity rate - proposed case

ZAR/MWh

Operating strategy	Electricity delivered to load MWh	Electricity exported to grid MWh	Remaining electricity required MWh	Power system fuel MWh	Operating profit (loss) ZAR	Efficiency %
Full power capacity output	56	0	295	0	1,232,242	-
Power load following	56	0	295	0	1,232,242	-

Select base load power system **Power system #1** Photovoltaic #1
Select operating strategy **Power load following**

Proposed case system characteristics	Unit	Estimate	%	Incremental initial costs	System design graph	
Power						
Base load power system						
Technology		Photovoltaic				
Operating strategy		Full power capacity output				
Capacity	kW	35	38.9%			
Electricity delivered to load	MWh	67	16.1%			
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	0				
Intermediate load power system						
Technology		Wind turbine				
Operating strategy		Power load following				
Capacity	kW	20	22.2%			
Electricity delivered to load	MWh	56	13.4%			
Electricity exported to grid	MWh	0				
Peak load power system						
Technology		Reciprocating engine				
Fuel type		Diesel (#2 oil) - L				
Fuel rate	ZAR/L	10,000				
Suggested capacity	kW	90.0				
Capacity	kW	50	55.6%			
Electricity delivered to load	MWh	164	39.2%			
Manufacturer			See PDB			
Model						
Heat rate	kJ/kWh	13,000				
Back-up power system (optional)						
Technology		Peak load not met				
Capacity	kW	0				
Proposed case system summary						
		Fuel type	Fuel consumption - unit	Fuel consumption	Capacity (kW)	Energy delivered (MWh)
Power						
Base load		Solar			35	67
Intermediate load		Wind			20	56
Peak load		Diesel (#2 oil)	L	55,576	50	164
				Total	105	287

Financial Analysis					
Financial parameters					
Inflation rate	%	8.0%			
Project life	yr	25			
Debt ratio	%	0%			
Initial costs					
Power system	ZAR	1,400,000	80.0%		
Other	ZAR	350,000	20.0%		
Total initial costs	ZAR	1,750,000	100.0%		
Incentives and grants					
	ZAR		0.0%		
Annual costs and debt payments					
O&M (savings) costs	ZAR				
Fuel cost - proposed case	ZAR	555,757			
Total annual costs	ZAR	555,757			
Annual savings and income					
Fuel cost - base case	ZAR	1,467,830			
GHG reduction income - 25 yrs	ZAR	21,639			
Total annual savings and income	ZAR	1,489,469			
Financial viability					
Pre-tax IRR - assets	%	65.6%			
Simple payback	yr	1.9			
Equity payback	yr	1.7			
Cumulative cash flows graph					
