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Is project Mufasa a game-changer for battery storage in the Netherlands?

Lion Storage Co-Founder Arno Hendriks, quoted in a press release issued to announce the closure of project finance on the site, said, "Project Mufasa is a game-changer for battery storage in the Netherlands. As the first of its kind to secure full project financing, it proves that energy storage is not just viable - it's investable."

Who is funding the Mufasa Bess project?

Rendering of the Mufasa BESS project in the Netherlands. Image source: Lion Storage. The project has received the support of Macquarie Capital, the investment arm of Australia's Macquarie Group, infrastructure investor TINC and existing investors of Lion Storage's parent company Return.

Is Mufasa the largest battery energy storage system in the Netherlands?

With an impressive nameplate capacity of 364 MW and 1457 MWh, Mufasa is poised to claim the title of the largest utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the Netherlands once operational.

What will be the biggest Bess project in the Netherlands?

The project will, the developer stated, "rely solely on revenues from the various Dutch power markets and the skills and expertise of the project's leadership team." Lion, part of Dutch renewables investor Return since 2023, also said the project would be the largest BESS in the Netherlands completely funded by non-recourse finance.

How many banks were involved in the Bess project?

Six banks also participated in the funding, Lion Storage said on Tuesday. According to the developer, this is the largest utility-scale BESS project in the Netherlands fully funded through non-recourse debt of over EUR 350 million (USD 366.3m). Project Mufasa will be a four-hour duration facility in the North Sea port of Vlissingen.

How will project Mufasa work in 2027?

Due to be operational in the first half of 2027, developer Lion said Project Mufasa will operate entirely on a merchant basis, without a fixed electricity offtake contract. The project will, the developer stated, "rely solely on revenues from the various Dutch power markets and the skills and expertise of the project's leadership team."



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