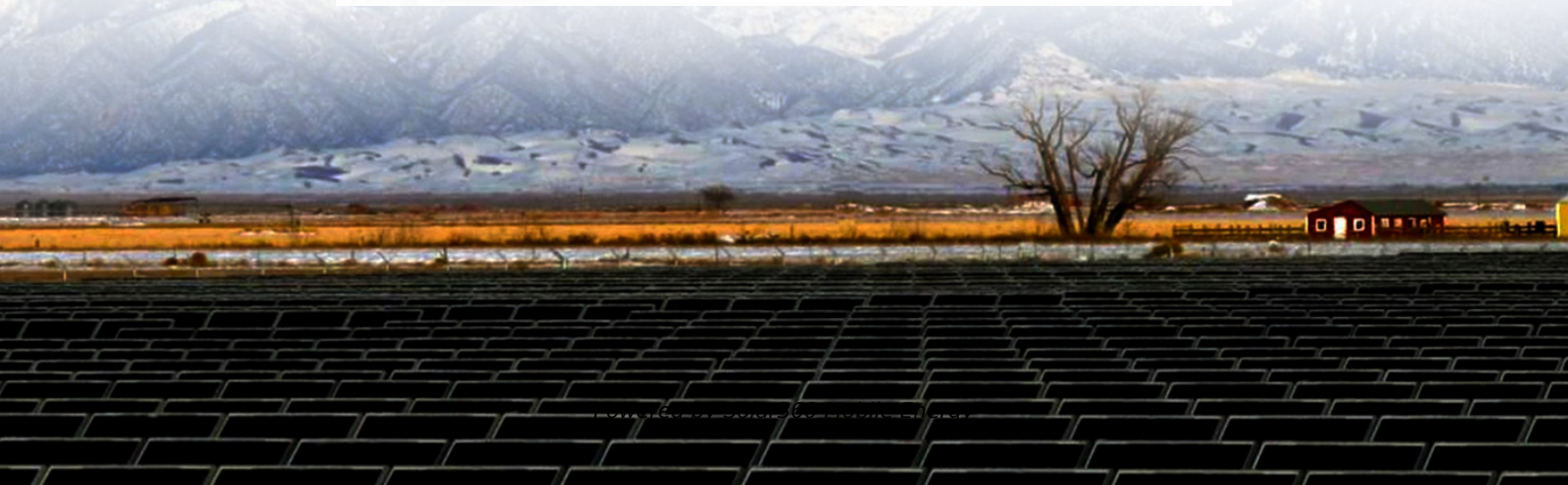


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Overview

In June 2014, the 100- (MW) Amanecer Solar CAP, a located near in the was inaugurated. It was developed by the company with the same name, Amanecer Solar CAP, and was the largest in Latin America at the time. It is capable of generating 270 gigawatt-hours () of electricity per year.

As part of the 2025 national budget, Chile is allocating \$1.2 billion in subsidies specifically for energy storage initiatives. Priority funding is directed toward integrated solar-plus-storage demonstration projects in the Atacama Desert, aiming to accelerate the energy transition in northern Chile. Are solar PV projects implementing energy storage capacity in Chile?

Operational solar PV projects in Chile are implementing energy storage capacity, with AES Andes reaching COD of a solar-plus-storage project this week. Image: AES Andes.

Can solar power power a Bess plant in Chile?

Both technologies will go hand in hand in Chile, as solar PV is seen as the primary generation source to charge BESS plants, explains Juan Pablo Toledo, country manager, Chile at Metlen Energy & Metals.

How much does a solar power plant cost in Chile?

Because of its good solar resource several international companies have bid record low prices for solar thermal power plants in Chile, including the Copiapó Solar Project bid at \$63/MWh by SolarReserve in 2017. If realized this would have been the lowest ever price for a CSP project in the world.

Why is solar PV a problem in Chile?

Image: AES Andes. Solar PV in Chile is facing a twofold issue: on the one hand, the ever-increasing curtailment of generation; on the other, the reduction of income due to low prices of electricity with increasing zero marginal cost.

When did SolarPack start supplying power to Chile?

In March 2020 PV Magazine reported that Solarpack had begun providing



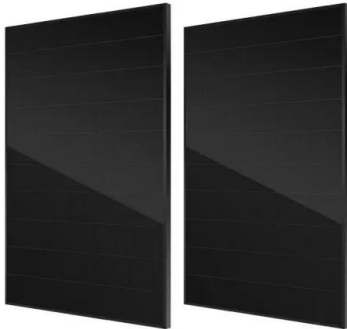
power on 2 March 2020, to the Chilean grid from its 123 MW Granja project, 10 months ahead of the contracted date of 1 January 2021. With that, Solarpack raised its total operating capacity in Chile at the time to 181 MW.

When will Cerro Dominador solar thermal plant open?

Construction of the photovoltaic plant commenced in January 2015 and the plant began operating in June 2016 with 160 MW of panels, the largest solar plant in Chile at the time. By the end of 2020 the project was fully erected under the name Cerro Dominador Solar Thermal Plant and is expected to fully operate in 2021.



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