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Overview

Why is the power supply in the Solomon Islands so volatile?

Currently, most of the power in the Solomon Islands is dependent on diesel generated power which uses imported fuel. This volatile energy supply structure is susceptible to soaring fuel prices, and the people want it to be rectified as soon as possible.

What's new at Solomon power station?

The project was completed by MAN diesel for over SBD120m. The new station has been commissioned and is currently in operation. Furthermore to improve the reliability Solomon Power invested in a new 11 kV switchboard, two 1.6 MW diesel generators and two new power transformers at Honiara Power Station.

Is Solomon power constructing a new outstation in malu'u?

This is the first time in 31 years that Solomon Power is constructing a new outstation the last one being in Malu'u. The scope includes solar panels, battery storage system, back up diesel generator and 415 V distribution network to connect about 200 customers at each of these sites in Western Province and Choiseul Province.

How much money does a private company need in the Solomon Islands?

The interviews were conducted in the following 6 locations. According to the results of the customer survey, the maximum investment at one time for the average private company in the Solomon Islands is 200,000 SBD, so it was determined that deployment would be difficult with an initial cost similar the one for this project.

What is Solomon power's capital expansion programme?

With a capital expansion programme of over SBD1 billion, Solomon Power strives to develop and implement its planned capital and infrastructure

projects over the next five years that will support its mission to provide a safe, reliable and affordable supply of electricity to the Solomon Islands.

How much power does a diesel generator generate in Solomon?

The fuel consumption and fuel cost when the existing diesel generators in Solomon are used to generate 70,000 kWh of power was estimated. The results are shown in Table 3. (Considering 74,458 kWh/year will decline due to some factors, the approximate value is 70,000 kWh per year.)

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