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Overseas investment in solar power generation



Overview

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Outward investments in solar technology are linked to the broader trends within China to promote overseas investments and build bilateral economic relationships, including through BRI. While the majority of BRI-related energy investments are in fossil energy, clean energy is emerging as a pillar in China's outward investment strategy.

Chinese policy banks contributed to 73 percent of overseas coal power generation capacity with Chinese investment and finance, and almost half of the hydropower plant capacity. Meanwhile, the majority of Chinese overseas investment in gas-fired power plants and renewable power generation projects come in the form of FDI. Which countries invest in solar energy?

Within these regions, investments have been dominated by economies with a developed solar market, such as the United States of America, China, Vietnam, Japan, Spain, South Korea, Australia, Brazil, Germany, and India; these economies together accounted for 78% of the total solar investments.

Are Canadian Solar companies diversifying their investment portfolios?

These companies also seem to be diversifying their investment portfolios: other than Canadian Solar, the only private company among the top ten which invests solely in solar power, all other top ten companies invest in multiple energy sources and hold at least some investment in renewable power generation.

Does China's solar industry pursue overseas activities?

This study, exploring China's recent global expansion in the solar industry, provides an important contribution to our understanding of how China's solar industry has pursued overseas activities and how these activities benefit both Chinese firms and the recipient countries.

Are Chinese solar photovoltaic (PV) companies engaged in overseas activities?

We find that Chinese solar photovoltaic (PV) firms are primarily engaging in downstream activities overseas, along with some manufacturing activities, and minimal upstream activities. We also find that there are opportunities for technology transfer within all segments of the solar value chain characterizing overseas activities.

Will China help build a solar power plant in Oman?

Last year, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), where China holds a roughly 30% voting share and which recently expanded funding for renewable energy projects, approved a \$60 million loan to support the construction of the 500-megawatt Ibri II solar power plant in Oman.

What is the dominant investment trend in solar PV?

The dominant investment trend, in addition to a growing market size, is also a shift toward emerging markets. Analysis of 20 of the leading Chinese solar PV companies shows 343 offices in 70 countries around the world (Fig. 3).

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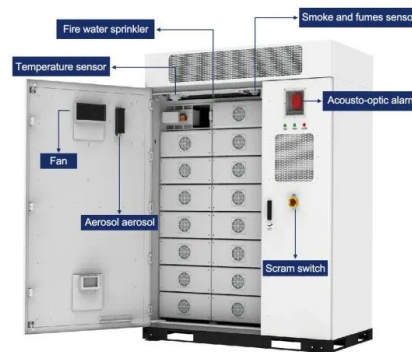
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