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Reducing energy costs and environmental impacts of off-grid mines


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1. Microgrid for Island Utilities
2. Overview of off-grid mining electricity operations
3. How microgrids create value in mining
4. What ABB has to offer
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Island utilities

Jamaica Public Service (JPS), Wind/PV

About the Project

- **Project name:** JPS Grid Stability
- **Location:** Jamaica
- **Customer:** Jamaica Public Services Company Ltd
- **Year:** 2018

Solution

- The resulting Microgrid system consists of:**
- PowerStore Battery (21.5 MW / 16.6 MWh)
 - PowerStore Flywheel ((3 x 1) MW / 16.5 MWs)

Customer Benefits

- Maximum utilization of solar and wind energy
- Reliable power to 5 million populace in the island
- Power availability during intermittency of renewable sources
- Reduced dependency on fossil fuels and lower carbon footprint



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Island utilities

WEB Aruba, Wind/PV/Thermal

About the Project

- **Project name:** WEB Aruba
- **Location:** Aruba, Southern Caribbean
- **Customer:** WEB Aruba N.V

Solution

- The resulting Microgrid system consists of:**
- Microgrid Plus Control System
 - Solar PV (1 x 6 MW_p)
 - Wind (20 x 3 MW)
 - Steam turbine (1 x 136 MW)
 - Gas turbine (1 x 20 MW)
 - Reciprocating engine (10 x 9 MW)

Customer Benefits

- Integration of complex energy mix - Wind, PV and Thermal
- Maximum utilization of renewable energy
- 24 hour forecast of both renewable output and system load
- Manage the peak demand, 134 MW



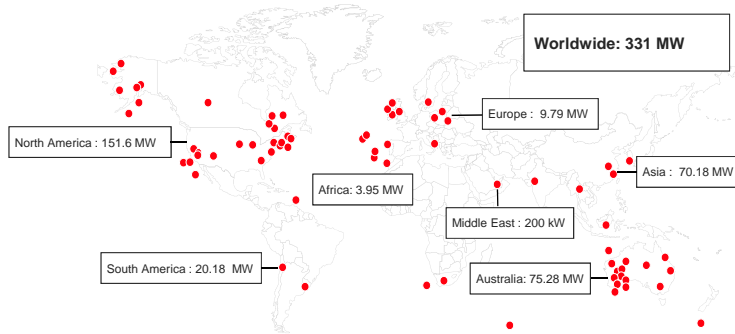
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The microgrid solution allows for integration of a complex energy generation portfolio and maximizes the use of renewable energy; enabling WEB Aruba to meet the peak demand (134 MW) of the tourist island



Global installed base

Microgrids and BESS



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Energy transformation of off-grid mining

Incremental hybridization to low carbon & energy cost future using renewables and storage

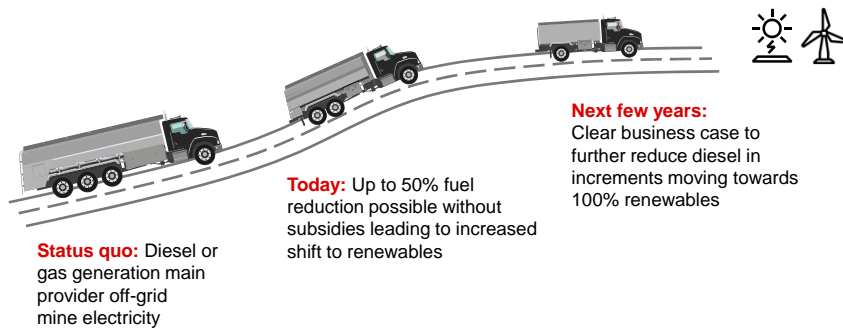


ABB supports mining customers to capture the economic and operating benefits along the transformation

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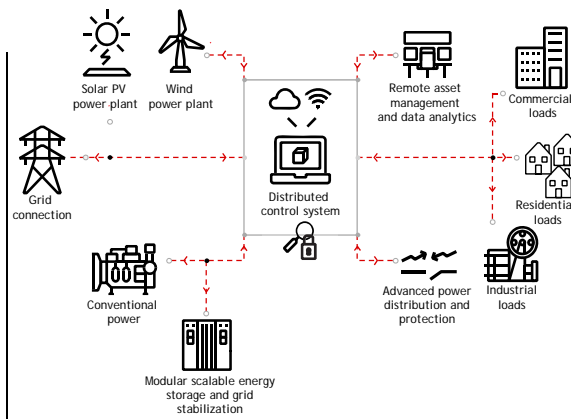
Microgrid

Generation at the point of consumption and always available

Microgrid definition

Distributed energy resources and loads that can be operated in a controlled, coordinated way either connected to the main power grid or in "islanded"* mode.

Microgrids are low or medium voltage grids without power transmission capabilities and are typically not geographically spread out.



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Islanded mode: ability to provide power independently from the main power grid



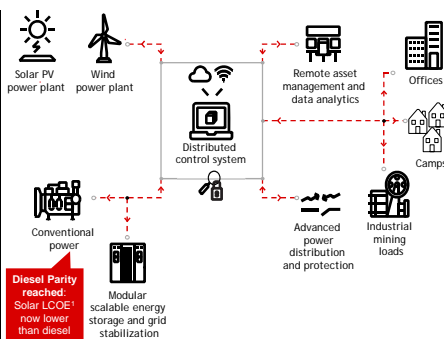
How microgrids create value in off-grid mining

Key drivers of value creation and cost savings

Operational goals

- Providing essential off-grid quality power with blackstart capability
- Improving resiliency by having storage, generation and loads optimally coordinated
- Reducing reliance on diesel and associated supply chain risk and CO2 emissions

Lower operating costs, higher up-times and higher gross margins for mines



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¹ LCOE: Levelized Cost of Energy per kWh over the life of the asset including all installation, financing and running costs



What ABB has to offer

ABB - the global microgrid solution partner

Leading global expertise

25+

25+ years experience
40+ executed projects

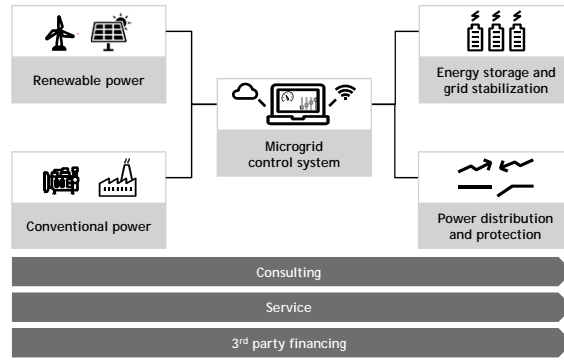


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Broad portfolio of products & services



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What ABB has to offer

Customer reference - ABB provided a complete renewables integration solution



Project name

- DeGrussa Copper-Gold Mine

Location

- Western Australia, Australia

Customer

- juwi Renewable Energy

Completion date

- 2016

Solution

The resulting microgrid system consists of:

- ABB: PowerStore Battery (2 x 2 MW/1.4 MWh) with Transformer and RMU
- ABB: Microgrid Plus Control System
- ABB: Solar PV (10.6 MWp) with ABB Transformer and RMU
- Existing: Diesel (22 MW)

Customer Benefits

- Expected diesel fuel saving of 5 million liters per year - reduction by 20%
- Expected CO₂ reduction: 12,000 tons
- Grid stabilization, spinning reserve, STATCOM features
- Load smoothing

About the Project

- The new hybrid solar facility is the largest integrated off-grid solar and battery storage plant in Australia

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ABB microgrids deliver 30 to 50% fuel reduction

Future projects benefit from lower PV prices

ABB references already show 30 to 50% fuel reduction possible with subsidies



DeGrussa Min, PV/ Diesel stabilizing system

- 50% diesel saving opportunity
- 10MW Solar PV
- 4/6 MW battery stabilizing system



Marble Bar & Nullagine, PowerStore/ PV/ Diesel

- Generates 1,048 MWh PV/ year
- Saves 35-40% diesel consumption per year

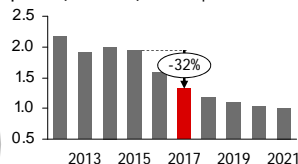


Johannesburg, PowerStore/ PV/ Diesel

- Up to 50% reduction in electricity bills and fossil fuel consumption

Decreasing Solar PV costs to improve future business cases

Global Large Commercial PV system prices (1 to 5MW) USD/ Wp



- PV prices have reduced over 30% in past 2 years and continue to fall globally
- Commercial and utility scale systems reducing faster than household solar with the \$1/ Wp already reached for utility scale¹

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Source: IHS PV Demand Market Tracker - Q2 2017
¹ <https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/Sunshot-1-Per-Watt-Solar-Cost-Goal-Mission-Accomplished-Years-Ahead-of-S>



Mining microgrid case study

Various solar and storage scenarios tested using HOMER¹ optimization tool

Example: remote brownfield gold mining operation

Power System

- 5 MW average load
- 6.3 MW peak load
- 6 x 1.2 MW diesel generators

Business Case

- Delivered Fuel Cost: \$1US/ l
- Solar installed cost: \$2US/ Wp
- Average cost of capital: 11%
- Subsidies: none

Goal of the study

Determine when the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) of 3 scenarios is lower than the diesel only base case

- Diesel & Storage
- Diesel & Solar PV
- Diesel & Solar & Storage

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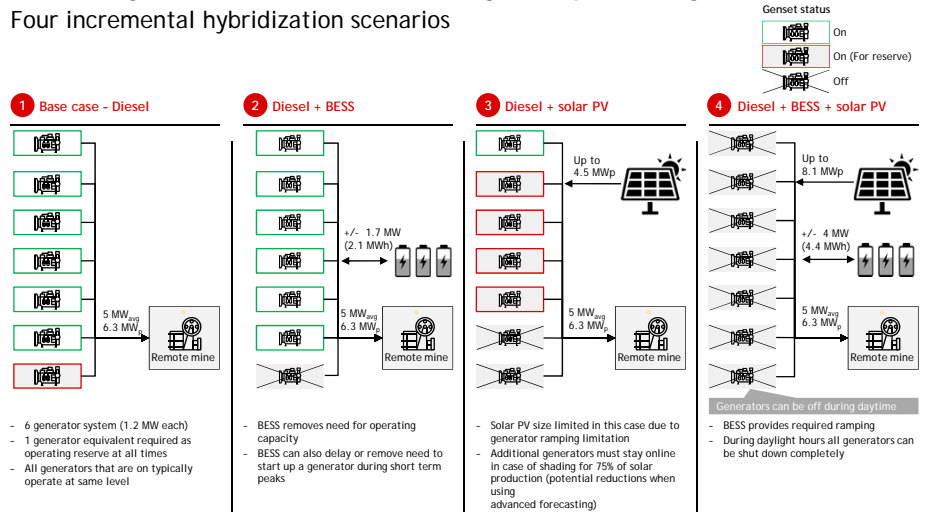
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¹ HOMER : <http://www.homerenergy.com/> a simulation and optimization tool for energy systems



We analyzed the benefits of a hybrid power system

Four incremental hybridization scenarios



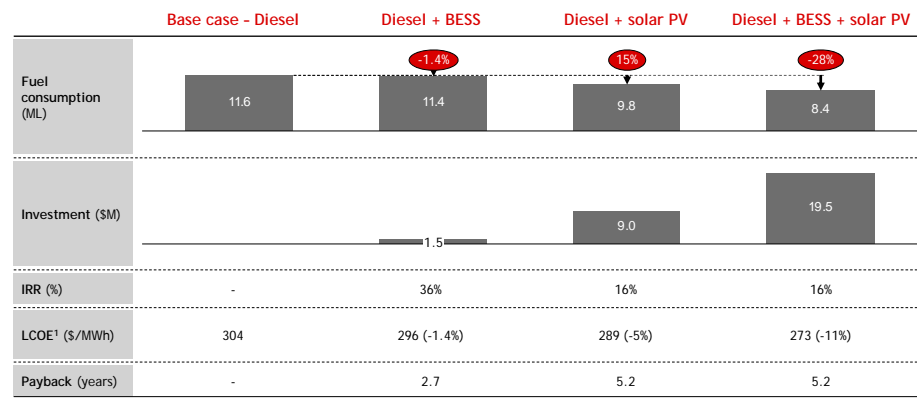
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Mining microgrid business case

Up to 28% reduction in fuel and CO2 possible when combining diesel with BESS and solar PV



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Source: Based on Homer analysis using proprietary Homer Pro Software; all numbers in USD
¹ LCOE: Levelized Cost of Electricity



Sensitivity analysis - Key driver of LCOE saving

Diesel price the largest single driver of LCOE savings, followed by solar PV price

Sensitivity driver	Low case	Base case	High case	LCOE savings impact (pp) Base case LCOE savings = 11%	
				Low case	High case
Diesel price (USD/ L)	0.5	1.0	1.5	-6.5	6.5
Solar PV price - Installed (USD/ Wp)	1.5	2.0	2.5	-3.5	4.0
Solar irradiation (kWh/ m2/ day)	4	5	6	-3.7	2.7
Installed battery price excl. converter (\$/ kWh)	300	400	500	-0.5	0.4

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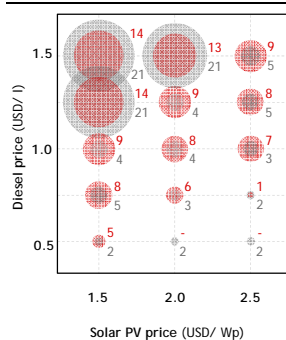
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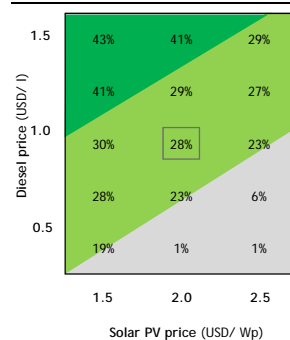
Mining microgrid case study

Low solar PV price and high diesel price leads to large systems with up to 40% fuel saving

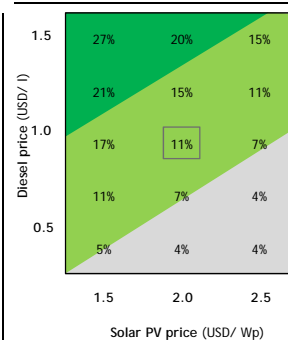
Configuration sensitivity to prices



Fuel reduction (%)



LCOE reduction (%)



■ Solar PV size (MW PV) ■ BESS size (MWh)

■ >40% ■ 20-40% ■ <20% □ Base case

■ >20% ■ 5-20% ■ <5% □ Base case

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The pitch: creating microgrid opportunities

Three questions to ask your customer



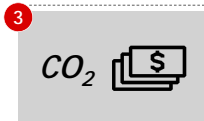
1 How are you generating power at your mine site?

- IPP versus InHouse; when do contracts expire
- Diesel versus Gas; who carries the fuel supply risk?



2 What is the current cost and quality of energy supplied?

- \$/ MWh including O&M and replacement cost
- Outages? Cost per outage and how often



3 What is the corporate energy efficiency, CO₂ and cost reduction target?

- CO₂ reduction targets; extra corporate funds
- Energy efficiency targets?

Next Step: Lead qualification through high level assessment tool

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Microgrid End-to-end Solution

