

Where is St Lucia's first solar PV plant located?

On the 11 th April 2018,the St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) - the sole electric utility company on the island - completed the commissioning of the island's first utility-scale solar PV plant. The plant is rated at 3 megawatt (MW) and is located in La Tourney,Vieux Fort,just north of the Hewanorra International Airport.

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How many solar panels are there at Vieux Fort?

The plant consists of approximately 14,900 panels,which are distributed across three sites over a total of approximate 15 acres of land. It has a peak power rating (on the dc side) of 4 MW and is interconnected to the LUCELEC grid via two feeders emanating from the Vieux Fort substation at 11,000 volts.

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The \$20M project, located north of the Hewanorra International Airport is historic for Saint Lucia. It is the first utility-scale renewable energy project on the island and is funded, owned and operated by LUCELEC. Its nearly 15 thousand panels will generate approximately 7 million kWhs (or units) of electricity per year.

Invest Saint Lucia, the island's investment promotion agency, was pleased to see the inauguration of St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) 3-MW solar farm in La Tourney. This solar park is the first utility-scale renewable energy project operated by LUCELEC.

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The solar farm is historic for Saint Lucia as it will be the first utility-scale renewable energy project on the island, where diesel-powered generators currently account for over 99% of electricity generation.

Just shy of fifteen thousand solar panels, the St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) 3MW Solar Farm in La Tourney, Vieux Fort is now feeding solar energy into the island's electricity grid. This is the island's first utility-scale solar farm. As of April 11, the entire 3 MW was online, producing its maximum output.

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A diversified portfolio of solar, wind and diesel was considered optimal in helping Saint Lucia reach its goal of 35 per cent renewable energy penetration by 2020. Such collaboration between a utility company and government is unusual in the region, and another way in which Saint Lucia is spearheading change.

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