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MPower, a subsidiary of Australian power sector investor Tag Pacific Ltd (ASX:TAG), has won a contract to design and install a 5.6-MWh battery energy storage system in Rarotonga, the capital of the Cook Islands.

Lazard undertakes an annual detailed analysis into the levelized costs of energy from various generation technologies, energy storage technologies and hydrogen production methods. Below, the Power, Energy & Infrastructure Group shares some of the key findings from the 2023 Levelized Cost of Energy+ report.

**COOK ISLANDS RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR PROJECT - Rarotonga Battery Energy Storage System**  
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By identifying and evaluating the most commonly deployed energy storage applications, Lazard's LCOS analyzes the cost and value of energy storage use cases on the grid and behind-the-meter Use Case Description Technologies Assessed

Three newly commissioned battery systems on Rarotonga which cost US\$16 million (approx. NZ\$24m) will reduce the island's dependence on oil-fuelled power generation and continue the shift to solar power.

In November 2015, financial advisory firm Lazard released its first-ever Levelized Cost of Storage Analysis (LCOS). Well known for its Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis (LCOE) analysis--now out in version 9.0--Lazard publishing an analysis of storage is a major sign that it considers battery energy storage a critical technology that's here to stay. But a [...]

**Levelized Cost of Storage.** Lazard's latest annual Levelized Cost of Storage Analysis (LCOS 7.0) shows that year-over-year changes in the cost of storage are mixed across use cases and technologies, driven in part by the confluence of emerging supply chain constraints and shifting preferences in battery chemistry. Additional highlights from ...

The second of Lazard's Levelized Cost of Storage Analysis compares the costs of various energy storage technologies in detail across different segments. Credit: Lazard ... Lazard cited some industry members ...

## Lazard battery storage Cook Islands

Work produced earlier this year by BloombergNEF benchmarked the average LCOE of energy storage at around US\$150/MWh for lithium-ion battery storage with four hours duration. Lazard says the economic proposition of behind-the-meter projects in the commercial and industrial (C& I) sector "remains challenged without subsidies".

White and Case and Lazard served as legal and financial advisors, respectively, to the sellers while Simpson Thacher & Bartlett provided legal advisory services to BlackRock. ... (US\$675 million) to its battery storage buildout, covered by Energy-Storage.news at the time. It is also active in solar-plus-storage projects in the US through DSD ...

The component of this project is a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposed to be funded by GEF for installation on Rarotonga. This report sets out Entura's assessment of the feasibility of the Rarotonga ESS subproject.

While decreases in costs continue to make energy storage more and more competitive, financial advisory and asset management firm Lazard has highlighted just how variable project economics can be, citing examples of US projects with 9%, 11% and 21% IRR (internal rate of return).

Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy+ (LCOE+) is a U.S.-focused annual publication that combines analyses across three distinct reports: ... The LCOS, in a similar manner, compares the cost of battery energy storage systems ("BESS") across a variety of use cases and applications (e.g., 1-hour, 2-hour and 4-hour systems). Additionally, the LCOS ...

Lazard also said that while lithium-ion remains the dominant technology in 1-4 hour short-duration applications, which represent 90% of the market, "momentum in the energy storage market" appears to be trending ...

New South Wales-based renewables company MPower is set to build its largest energy storage project to date, after securing the contract to design and install a 5.6MWh battery system in Rarotonga, the capital of the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

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