

Are mining companies experimenting with solar photovoltaic (PV) systems?

As electric power costs rise, mining companies and communities are experimenting with, or integrating the use of, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Here we examine performance from the solar PV data record for the two communities designated as Site 62 and Site 67, named to identify differing latitudes that have installed modern solar PV systems.

Can a large-scale photovoltaic energy penetration lead to a sustainable copper mining industry?

In the case of electric powered-processes, it could be assumed that a large-scale photovoltaic energy penetration with traditional PV plants into electric grids feeding mining plants, is the straightforward solution towards a more sustainable copper mining industry. This is certainly a viable option, with available off-the-shelf PV technology.

Should solar energy programs be initiated in the mining sector?

Solar energy programs in the mining sector should be initiated in order to improve the environmental awareness of all relevant stakeholders, so that they can grasp the advantages and disadvantages. Nevertheless, solar energy presents an excellent opportunity for mining companies in their energy management and business development.

Can solar power power a remote mine site?

Power at remote mine sites is often generated by diesel (heating oil), propane (LPG) or hydroelectricity. Many companies are now also considering solar and wind as a way to augment, but not replace, current systems. This article will focus on the performance of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels in northern Canada in comparison to diesel generation.

Does solar power add value to mines?

Solar power can add value to mines for grid-connected and off-grid mines. Mining companies often have to deal with high energy costs due to remote locations. Moreover, mining companies in developing countries have to deal with unreliable electricity infrastructure, which makes it receptive for new solutions.

Are solar mining operations a good fit for the solar industry?

From the solar industry perspective mining operations are a good fit, because: High energy consumption carries potential for large-scale solar power plants. Solar power can add value to mines for grid-connected and off-grid mines. Mining companies often have to deal with high energy costs due to remote locations.

The Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA) granted earlier this month two licenses for solar PV plants to Zimplats, the Zimbabwean unit of Impala Platinum. Zimplats is now cleared ...

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The Gross Domestic Product per capita in India reaches an all-time high of 1750.60 USD in 2015 indirectly shows that per person energy consumption also increases. To conquer the electricity ...

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