# **Off-Grid PV Solar Diesel Hybrid System**

132/11 kV Substation Site facilities

Linxon Gulf UAE – 132/11kV ABRAJST Substation





# **Project Aspects**

- → Linxon Gulf LLC has decided to take a step ahead in the renewable energy, the first of its kind of EPC at 132 / 11 kV ABRAJST Substation
- → Project duration: 24 +2 months
- → Linxon UAE team presented a solar power proposal (hybrid solution) for site office facilitites
- → Linxon management and project operations backed up
- → DEWA Project Management supported and acclaimed the initiative

### SOLAR POWER IDEA





Pilot project first in Linxon and similar EPC



Environment friendlyrenewable energy



Building a sustainable solution



Studying and foreseeing cost reduction

# **Efforts for Off-grid Solar Power initiative**

### **R&D on initiative**

- → Feasibility study carried out
- → Local contractors engaged
- → Study catered
  - Space
  - Sunlight and shadow
  - Energy required (kWhr)
  - Offices
  - Cost and expenses
  - Risks & contingency
  - Duration required
  - Intended use
  - Load requirement of site facilities
  - Type & combination of power resources
  - Switching philosophies to be implemented
  - Cost benefit analysis

### Challenges

- off-grid no distribution power from utility to ensure continuity of power
- Solar energy is intermittent and largely depends on weather
- Constraints with orientation of solar panels in the roof of existing site facilities cabins
- Shadow from near by high rise buildings

# **Feasibility study**

- → 5 Portacabin site offices (Linxon & Client) + guard house + lighting
- → Lights / sockets with A/C running in day peak power consumption is approximate 50 kW
- → Solar Plant of **65 kwp** planned
- → Using existing portacabin offices roof tops for solar panels installation.
- → A battery bank of low capacity (120 Ahr) to cater the peak loads when solar power generation is not sufficient
- → A low capacity DG (60kVA) to support the battery during off peak solar power generation
- → The same 60kVA diesel generator can be used in case of any emergency with the installed changeover switch

### SOLAR PANELS ON ROOF TOP



# **System Block Diagram**



# Switching philosophy

### Sequence

- → 65 kwp solar power shall meet the site facilities load during peak generation period of the day
- → Supported by battery when generation reduces below the load requirement
- → 60 kVA Diesel Generator triggered when battery is discharged up to the set volt level
- → Off-grid PV Diesel Hybrid System Inverter switched off automatically when the diesel generator + solar combination could not meet the load
- → 60 kVA diesel generator can be switched on through change over switch manually to supply the load when Inverter is under maintenance

### **Power generation setup**



### Presentation to team

# Inauguration -25/11/2021

## Switching ON







### ABRAJST team



## Clean energy Produced



Cake cutting event



First off-grid PV diesel plant of this capacity - hybrid system, environmentally friendly & renewable energy solution in DEWA substation project (site facilities), Dubai, UAE

First-time implementation in Linxon global project sites

65 kwp solar plant capacity and is incorporated with solar panel, battery & DG combination

Plant can meet the complete site facilities load and for the night-time (security room, yard lighting etc.) Battery + DG system will take care of the requirement

Reduction of around **<u>681 metric tons</u>** of green-house gas for the whole project period

60 kVA DG can take care of the no generation scenario (i.e. fully cloudy or rainy situation, any maintenance / failure in the plant etc..)

Unique design of installing the solar panels on 5 x office container roofs top due Site space limitation

Entire system suitably designed for shifting & re-installation in any other typical project site with few changes



