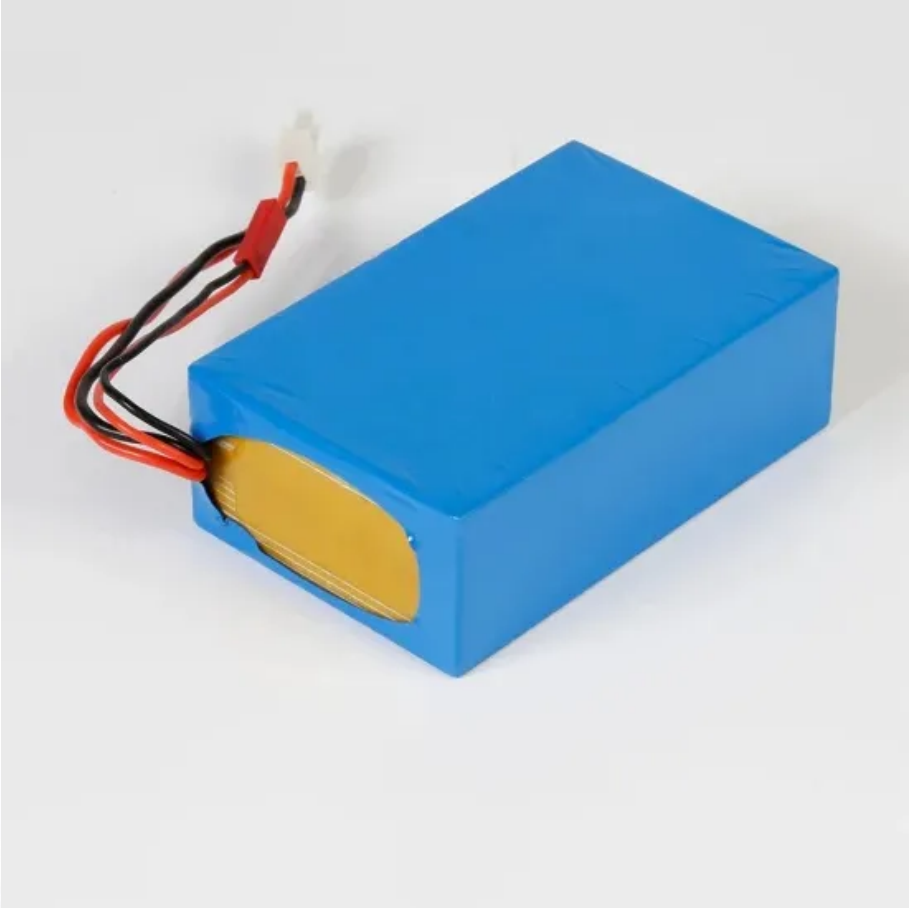
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Overview

Disused coal mines can be repurposed for solar panel installations, a new report indicates. The initiative could add 15% to global solar capacity by 2030, equivalent to powering Germany for. In 2024, the world installed a record-breaking 599 gigawatts (GW) of solar capacity, and currently has more than 2,000 GW of utility-scale solar projects in development. But that requires widespread land use, and today's developers often struggle to secure prime locations that aren't already in. An innovative approach gaining traction is the conversion of decommissioned coal mines into solar energy farms. According to research by Global Energy Monitor (GEM), more than 300 mines closed since 2020 and over 130 expected to close by 2030 could collectively host nearly 300 gigawatts (GW) of. Solar energy can “reclaim coal's footprint” by installing panels on abandoned surface coal mines, which a new report says have enough combined area to host 300 GW of solar capacity.

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could boost global solar capacity by

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