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Powin to build battery for Galp solar park in Spain

US-based energy storage provider Powin LLC has been tapped by Galp Energia SGPS SA (ELI:GALP) to build a 5-MW/20-MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) at one of the solar farms of the Portuguese energy group in southern Spain.

Image of Galp's solar power plant with rendering of Powin's new battery installation. Photo: Business Wire

The utility-scale storage facility will serve a solar plant near the small village of Alcoutim, in the southern region of the Algarve, where Galp operates several solar sites with a combined capacity of 144 MW, according to a statement published Tuesday.

The partnership marks Galp's first move towards hybridisation of its solar power production portfolio which comprises 1.5 GW of assets in operation.

The agreement with the Portuguese firm comes as Powin's first project in Europe after the US firm opened an office in Madrid.

"Europe is expected to deploy over 90 GWh of utility-scale battery energy storage projects by 2030, and we are well positioned to support this demand along with the wider EMEA region's rapid energy storage growth," said Powin's CEO Jeff Waters.

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