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### **Siemens takes Digital Solutions of the year award at Africa Utility Week**

Siemens Energy Management Division wins the Digital Solutions of the year award at the Africa Utility Week Industry Gala Awards which took place in Cape Town last night.

The award recognises our microgrid installation at our South African Headquarter offices in Johannesburg. The project provides an onsite reference that showcases to our customers a cost effective and proven Siemens solution.

Our energy efficient campus will generate its own green energy and provide a cost effective energy mix. This enables our campus to become a centre of competence as our engineers become pioneers for the Siemens microgrid solution in Southern Africa.

#### **Why microgrids are the future of Energy Management**

The traditional power grid provides reliable power most of the time, but when natural disasters or security breaches threaten the grid, the subsequent blackouts can be catastrophic and costly.

It is for this reason that organisations and utilities are working together to build resilient, flexible power systems called microgrids. Operating either as part of traditional grid or independently (or both), microgrids are revolutionizing the way we manage our energy resources.

#### **Why do microgrids matter?**

A microgrid is a scaled-down version of the centralized power system. It can generate, distribute, and control power in a campus setting or small community.

- They are reliable and flexible
- They are resilient
- They are more secure
- They save money
- They store and incorporate renewable energy

Siemens provides a comprehensive portfolio of products, solutions, and services to help build and operate microgrids of any size. We provide generation and distribution of electrical energy as well as monitoring and controlling of microgrids.

<https://www.siemens.com/microgrids>

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