Warmest greetings from Distributed Power Africa: This year has seen the sun shine brighter than ever before on our business. We were pleased to announce our partnership with clean-energy giant, Tesla, after successfully completing an initial 12 month trial run. We will now be installing the Tesla Powerwall to power telecoms operations in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

In addition to this achievement, we have also managed to partner up with another global energy giant Électricité de France (EDF), on scaling up Commercial and Industrial solutions for our African markets. Regarding other projects to date, we have successfully installed some of Zimbabwe’s largest commercial and industrial car port and roof mount solar systems, with Econet Willowvale being our first IPP Licenced customer to be built and set up in Zimbabwe. Among the many benefits of the Willowvale plant, it is also designed to create a carbon emission saving of 285 000 kg per annum.

South Africa and Zimbabwe are two African states currently undergoing rapid Industrial and Technological expansion. This has meant an increased need and demand for reliable energy supply, and we are happy to fill that gap of expertise. We are scaling up our projects with no less than a dozen installations in Kenya, Zimbabwe and South Africa currently in progress.

We continue to offer our customers a zero technical risk and zero deposit option when switching to solar. Thank you for taking the time to keep up with news of our progress and many achievements.

When we needed the most innovative battery solutions available who could we turn to? We teamed up with Tesla, and after a successful 12-month trial, we will be installing the Tesla Powerwall to power telecoms tower operations. Tesla will supply over 500 of these Li-ion Batteries to DPA selected sites, with our first 260 sites being Econet towers. This is one of the largest deployments of AC lithium-ion batteries ever in the African telecom’s sector. We were impressed with the performance of the Tesla Powerwall during the trial stage. It addresses the power back up requirements, offers 100% depth of discharge and has a wide temperature operating range. It also offers real time monitoring which helps prevent theft of lead acid batteries. The performance of the Tesla Powerwall is quite literally, electrifying.
Scientists and other experts in different fields are predicting that solar power may be the earth’s greatest source of energy by 2050. More and more commercial and industrial enterprises are actively considering investing in solar plants to reduce their long-term exposure to high energy costs. Residential interest has also been growing steadily, with concerns for the environment and having clean power also a factor.

It’s all good news, but even better news for Africa. We have over 3000 hours of strong sun a year in Africa. A powerful number. And one that makes the sun really work for us.