

# ThaiBev unit, SP Group to install rooftop solar panels in nine Vietnam breweries

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ENERGY utilities group SP Group and Saigon Beer Alcohol Beverage Corporation (Sabeco), a beer manufacturer and distributor in Vietnam, have inked a partnership to install rooftop solar panels in nine breweries operated by Sabeco in Vietnam.

Sabeco is a subsidiary of Singapore-listed Thai Beverage (ThaiBev). According to the company's annual report for 2022, ThaiBev had acquired a 53.6 per cent stake in Sabeco in December 2017.

As part of the partnership, SP will install 10.44 megawatt-peak (MWp) of rooftop solar panels at Sabeco's breweries in Cu Chi, Lam Dong, Ha Tinh, Hanoi, Tay Do, Vinh Long, Nguyen Chi Thanh, Bac Lieu and Quang Ngai, both companies said in a joint press release on Monday (May 15).

The project is slated to be completed and operational by the third quarter this year, and will provide close to 25 per cent

of electricity consumed at the factories. The project is expected to deliver over 14,600 MWh of electricity per year, enough to power about 4,082 households in Vietnam.

This will also help Sabeco to axe its carbon emissions by close to 10,000 tonnes annually, which is equivalent to taking about 2,200 cars off the road, the companies said.

Sabeco has developed a sustainable development model to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

In that light, both Sabeco and SP Group said they will study the feasibility of incorporating other sustainable energy solutions such as energy storage systems (ESS) at selected breweries.

The incorporation of ESS will allow Sabeco to manage the issue of supply intermittency, as solar power can fluctuate due to weather conditions.

The ESS will also maximise the solar energy produced and used at the various breweries, the companies added.