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finally determine the best mini-grid system architectural combination which should be used in Lesotho, based on considerations of reliability and cost of energy. The current work successfully developed a simple computer-based program for optimally sizing, performance prediction and economic analysis of mini-grids systems. It shows how

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The research paper focuses on optimizing a renewable energy hybrid power system for Semonkong town in Lesotho, aiming to enhance electricity access in remote areas, not on accommodations in Semonkong Lodge.

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The study should provide results under scenarios of integration in the transmission grid by LEC and Independent Power Producers (IPPs), and in the distribution system by households and other consumers.

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