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<b>PUBLICATION</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>HEADLINE &amp; BRIEF</b>
<b>Standard</b>	<b>16</b>	<p><b>KenGen to expand geothermal growth</b></p> <p>KenGen's Managing Director said the country is focusing on developing geothermal capacity to scale up electricity production and keep up with growing demand. He said that Kenya produces 128MW of the renewable source but has the potential to put out 7,000MW.</p> <p>KenGen also plans to produce 5MW from wind turbines on hills near the capital city and is studying another 12 potential sites.</p>
<b>Business Daily</b>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>Construction of power plant begins in October</b></p> <p>The Sh3.5 billion construction of Sangoro power plant, which is meant to boost power production for the Sondu Miriu project by 20MW is set to begin in October. The Sangoro power plant will be constructed just after the Sondu Miriu plant and instead of releasing water from the system, it will be used to turn an additional turbine to produce power. Other plans in the pipeline include construction of a dam that will double the power generated from Sondu Miriu.</p>
<b>The People</b>	<b>17</b>	<p><b>Power sector grows by 9.2 pc</b></p> <p>The electricity and water sector had the most impressive growth recording a performance of 9.2% in 2007 down from 1.4% the previous year. The 2007 economic survey launched yesterday stated that the performance was mainly buoyed by heavy rains experienced in 2007 which enable production of higher proportion of hydroelectricity that is much cheaper compared to thermal.</p>