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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Business Daily	Pg 23	Roads and energy sectors spending doubled to boost growth
		<p>According to the publication, Kenya will increase spending on roads by Sh11 billion and nearly double its energy budget in 2011/12 fiscal year to Sh65.7 billion, up from Sh35 billion to facilitate economic growth. Geothermal development will receive Sh16.1 billion, which will be used to drill and assess the viability of producing 140MW. Officials hope to increase electricity generation from the country's vast geothermal resources in the Rift Valley to cut overreliance on hydro generation which leads to blackouts when rains fail. Kenya plans to boost geothermal power generation to 4,000MW by 2030 and the company responsible needs about \$240 million annually to drill wells and harness steam. The government estimates Kenya has the potential to produce 7,000MW of electricity from geothermal energy. it currently generates 167MW from the source.</p>
The People	30	Spanish firm awarded contract for 400kv line
		<p>The publication states that Kenya Electricity Transmission Company has awarded a Sh18 billion contract to Spain's Isolux Corsan for the construction of Kenya's largest high-voltage electrical transmission line in Rift Valley. The 428 kilometre 400KV transmission line will enable the transfer of 300MW from sub Saharan Africa's biggest wind farm being constructed in Marsabit county by a consortium of local and foreign companies, the Lake Turkana Wind Power Ltd.</p>