

PRESS BRIEFS - February 26th -28th, 2011

PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Weekend Star	5	Team to handle payout for Olkaria community
		<p>According to the publication, the government has formed a 36-member technical committee including three MPs from Naivasha, Narok and Kajiado and three professionals from the three constituencies to deal with the resettlement and compensation of members of the Maasai community in Olkaria, Naivasha, where KenGen plans to drill more geothermal wells. report KenGen has said that the dry weather spell expected next year is unlikely to disrupt power supply. other representatives are from KenGen, Olkaria domes, the provincial administration and non-governmental organisations. KenGen has already acquired 1,700 acres and will resettle 110 families living in the area.</p>
	11	KPLC half year profit climbs to Sh3 billion
Business Daily	8	Power consumers save Sh7.9bn as KPLC profits rise
		<p>The publications state that higher electricity sales and lower operating costs buoyed KPLC's profits 8 per cent in the half year ended December 31, 2010. The utility firm also benefited from reduced dependence by the country on thermal energy which resulted in lower fuel costs in its books.</p>
	9	KenGen search for geothermal power boosted after fresh bids

		<p>According to the publication, KenGen has received bids for supply of geothermal power generation equipment as it seeks to intensify its production of cheaper renewable electricity. The power firm is to construct two additional geothermal units at Olkaria I and Olkaria IV with a total output of 280MW by 2013 in an effort to cut its reliance on hydro power.</p>
The People	7	<p>Sh100m to be spent on rural power projects</p>
		<p>The publication indicates that KPLC will spend Sh100 million to complete Rural Electrification Projects (REPs) in Western Province this year. West Kenya Deputy Regional Manager said the firm would spend Sh74 million towards the construction of 13 REPs in addition to completing four ongoing projects in the region.</p>
The East African	12	<p>Dar on brink of darkness as power crisis deepens</p>
		<p>According to the publication the energy crisis engulfing Tanzania deepened last week as it emerged that East Africa's second biggest economy is operating on depleted electricity reserve that could throw it into darkness in case of an outage. In coming weeks, authorities plan to shut down major hydro plants, the main source of power due to falling water levels.</p>
		<p>Tanzania risks missing growth targets for 2011 over power woes</p>

		<p>The publication indicates that Economists have warned that the challenges posed by the ongoing power woes in Tanzania and the rising oil prices could cause the country to miss its seven per cent economic growth target for this year. But in an official statement, Bank of Tanzania has dismissed the argument noting that although the load shedding increased power tariffs, drought and oil prices pose risk to the economy, they will be overridden by the global financial recovery that is expected to strengthen economic activity in the second half of the 2010/11 fiscal year.</p>
	46-48	SUPPLEMENT
		<p>The publication carries a supplement on Kipevu III power project.</p>