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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Business Daily	Pg 8	Chandaria seeks piece of Kenya's electricity market According to the publication, Comcraft Kenya Ltd., a group of companies owned by billionaire businessman, Manu Chandaria is diversifying into energy generation to tap into growing demand in the country. The firm, which specialises in the manufacture of building materials including steel, aluminium ware and plastic products, is venturing into the local energy market with a Sh4 billion investment under the brand name Tower Power Kenya Ltd. The plant is expected to generate 23MW of electricity and they plan to increase production by 15MW every year as local demand will continue to rise in the foreseeable future.
	14	EDITORIAL: State must support efforts to generate green energy
		The publication states that reports that high equipment costs will stall plans by two municipal council, Mombasa and Nakuru to tap methane from garbage are worrying. Generating their own power would enable the councils to sell the electricity and also use the power to provide services like street lighting. They would also help the country reduce its heavy dependence on rian fed hydro-electric power and the more expensive thermal power.
Nation	26	Firm floats bids for 'largest' geothermal project in Africa

		<p>According to the publication, bids for what could become Africa's largest geothermal project have been floated by the Geothermal Development Company and construction of the first phase of four is set to begin next January and will cost about Sh201 billion to complete and will greatly boost generation of green energy and help reduce escalating electricity costs in the country.</p>
The People	15&25	Stanchart gives funds to propel energy project
		<p>The publication indicates that South Africa-based Standard Chartered Bank Group has announced plans to inject an additional Sh60 billion into Kenya's largest wind energy project in Marsabit County. The Group will give between Sh4.5 billion to Sh6.3 billion for the project. The amount is part of the financial institution's commitment to promoting clean energy in Africa.</p>
The Star	15	Kenya Power in plan to boost power supply in Coast
		<p>According to the publication, the Kenya Power Company will upgrade the transmission line in Coast to boost energy supply. The company is intending to upgrade the transmission line by 132kv to serve the Base Titanium Company in Kwale and residents of South Coast.</p>
	18	Tanzania begins indefinite power outages
The East African	6	Tanzania slides into 12-hour power cuts

		<p>The publications indicate that Tanzania's state-run power company has announced daily 12-hour power cuts for an unspecified period because of low water levels at hydropower dams and a shortage of fuel for thermal power generation. The IMF cut its 2011 growth forecast for Tanzania to 6 per cent from 7.2 per cent in March, saying frequent power outages would hurt output while food and fuel prices could push inflation higher.</p>
	2	<p>Cheaper power coming as master plan is completed</p>
		<p>According to the publication, the region will start harnessing its electricity generation resources following the completion of the EAC power master plan and address the rampant power shortages. EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Production and Social Sector said the master plan will also help the region take advantage of interconnection opportunities to access electricity from neighbouring regions at competitive rates.</p>