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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Standard	32	KenGen takes ownership of new diesel-powered plant
Nation	29	KenGen plans to set up Sh80 billion power plant
The Star	2	KenGen's Masinga plan to reduce power costs
		<p>According to the publication, KenGen has finally taken over the new diesel power plant built from proceeds from its Public Infrastructure Bond Offer (PIBO) which was floated in 2009. The plant which was built at a cost of KSh10 billion has a capacity of 120MW and is the largest diesel plant in East Africa. KenGen Managing Director, Eddy Njoroge said the plant would help reduce reliance on emergency power generation and address the power growth demand estimated at nine per cent per annum.</p> <p>Speaking during the official handing over of the Kipevu III terminal, Mr. Njoroge said KenGen was in the process of setting up a Sh80 billion geothermal power project. When completed in two years time, the plant will drastically reduce the country's reliance on hydro electricity, a move that could see power tariffs come down significantly. He also said if the company's plan to increase the water capacity at Masinga and other dams succeeded, electricity prices may come down.</p>
The People	8	EDITORIAL: Rural electrification is a success story

		<p>The publications state that the Rural Electrification Authority has overcome not just the country's difficult terrain but the faith of the naysayers who believed that it could not be done. Electric power has reached trading centres and public institutions in some of the most forbidding terrains. REA is living testimony of what a determined people can do to lift themselves out of poverty.</p>
	28	<p>SADC could face power deficit: Minister</p>
		<p>According to the publication, Namibia's mines and energy minister Isak Katali says between 2014 and 2015, Southern African Development Community (SADC) could face a crippling power deficit if no interim measures are put in place. Katali said the looming electricity deficit is a serious concern in SADC as inadequate power supply could have a far fetching impact on the celebration of economic growth.</p>
Business Daily	14	<p>EAC partners grapple with energy shortage amid rich reservoirs</p>
		<p>The publication indicates that although the potential to meet its energy demands exist, and a regional power master plan is in place, the East African Community's installed electricity capacity is still very low. That is not to say that the region is not endowed with various energy resources spread evenly throughout partner states, but they remain underdeveloped, unexplored and untapped. These resources put the EAC region's energy potential at 27,000MW against an electricity-installed capacity of only 1,950MW.</p>