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<b>PUBLICATION</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>HEADLINE &amp; BRIEF</b>
<b>Business Daily</b>	<b>Pg 6</b>	<b>Geothermal company plans 120 wells in three years</b>
		According to the publication, the Geothermal Development Company (GDC) plans to complete 120 steam wells for electricity production in the next three years, a move pushing Kenya closer to cheaper power. The wells will add at least an additional 400MW of electricity at the current drilling site of Menengai near Nakuru town.
	<b>Pg 8</b>	<b>New entrants to slice KenGen's market share</b>
		The publication indicates that private investors are set to increase their stake in Kenya's power sector as low investments by the government open a fertile business opportunity, setting stage for expensive electricity. The country is targeting to add between 1913 and 2213MW to the national grid in the next three years to meet rising demand with IPPs accounting for 70 per cent of the new supply. KenGen and the government lack more the Sh111 billion that the country needs to secure power over the next five years, paving way for entry of private capital into Kenya's electricity generation market. Among the private operators that are chasing the high returns in the country's power sector include Triumph, Gulf and Melec, which are set to inject 251MW next March from thermal power.
<b>Nation</b>	<b>Pg 30</b>	<b>Firm needs Sh28bn to light homes</b>
<b>The People</b>	<b>Pg 16</b>	<b>Firm needs Sh28bn to light homes</b>
<b>The Star</b>	<b>Pg 14</b>	<b>Rural electrification to light up public facilities</b>

		<p>According to the publications, the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) needs Sh28 billion for power connections to public facilities, including trading centres, schools, health centres, community water works and administrative facilities in the next two years. REA's CEO, Zachary Ayieko said the electrification of public facilities will increase connectivity and access levels in rural areas to about 22 per cent with a target of 100 per cent by 2013.</p>
<b>The Star</b>	<b>Pg 11</b>	<b>KPLC moves to stop Busia blackouts</b>
		<p>The publication indicates that KPLC will set up a substation at Rang'ala in Siaya to solve frequent power shortages in Busia. The town has been experiencing frequent power outages with businesses being most affected.</p>

