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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
The Star	Pg 7	Petroleum Refinery to set up power plant
		According to the publication, the Kenya Petroleum Refinery has started implementing a plan to put up its own power plant within the facility in an effort to address the frequent power interruption that have been affecting the supply of oil in the country. The new plant, which will produce 9.2MW will be used to run the refinery and will cost the company Sh1.26 billion.
Nation	12	New geothermal well heralds cheap power era for suffering Kenyans
		The publication states that Geothermal Development Company (GDC) has sank its first successful geothermal well which has a capacity to run a 10MW electricity plant in Menengai fields. This shows that Kenya has successfully opened new geothermal fields unlike in the past when exploration activity was centred around the Olkaria area. The Menengai fields have the potential to produce 1,600MW, compared to the total current installed capacity for the whole country of 1,400MW. Another significant development in the energy sector is the successful conclusion by KenGen of procurment of a new 280MW geothermal power plant at Olkaria.