

PRESS BRIEFS - November 17th, 2010

PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Nairobi Star	9	MP's appeal to KenGen over Masinga dam
Standard	26	Farmers want to see Seven Forks benefits
		According to the two reports, farmers in Masinga area have appealed to KenGen to allow them irrigate their farms with water from the Seven Forks dams. Masinga MP Benson Mbai that the initial plan for the dams was to provide water for irrigation, but the Government had locked out the poor.
Daily Nation	28	KPLC set to spend Sh3bn to enhance power supply
		The report states that KPLC will spend Sh3billion in upgrading power supply in Central, Eastern and Northern parts of the country. KPLC's Managing Director Joseph Njoroge said that the new projects would include a 125km power line from Kamburu Dam to Embu.
Nairobi Star	13	Geothermal risk fund coming, says Kiraitu
Standard	36	State to sweeten geothermal development with risk fund
		The two reports indicate that Kenya will soon set up a risk fund to cater for the development of geothermal energy. Energy Minister Kiraitu Murungi said that the fund will be used to underwrite dry wells drilled by private companies so as to attract more investors and encourage their participation in the sector.
Daily Nation	32	Kenya gets Sh4.3bn to boost energy

		Japan loan boosts infrastructural development
		The two reports state that Germany's KfW Bankengruppe has extended a concessionary loan of Ksh4.3billion towards the expansion of Kindaruma hydropower station. The loan agreement was signed yesterday between KenGen's Managing Director Eddy Njoroge and Dr. Ulrich Schroder, Chairman of the Board of directors of KfW.
Business Daily	13	Resolve financing dilemma in power sector
		According to the Ideas and Debate column, Mr. George Wachira an energy consultant argues that since the critical power projects were having problems raising private finance without obtaining sovereign gurantees, the government should understand that time is running out on the new power generation capacity and the Energy Ministry should should ensure that the right financing structures are found before Vision 2030.