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World Bank approves US\$40m for Madagascar's electricity sector

The World Bank has approved an International Development Association (IDA) credit of US\$40 million to improve Madagascar's electricity sector governance and operations.

The Madagascar Electricity Sector Operations and Governance Improvement Project (EGOSIP) will help ensure full implementation of the Performance Improvement Plan of the national power utility, JIRAMA.

This project will also finance the upgrade of JIRAMA's dispatch centre and network automation systems and rehabilitation and reinforcement of distribution networks, in order to improve quality in electricity supply and allow the integration of variable renewable energy generation.

ESI Africa, 18 June 2018

Kenya: North Rift region to receive US\$19m electricity supply boost

Kenya Power has set aside KShs1.63 billion (US\$19 million) to finance various projects aimed at strengthening the distribution network in North Rift region, to provide adequate and reliable power supply.

The ongoing projects, targeted to be completed by the end of 2018, include construction of new substations and associated distribution lines and upgrading of existing infrastructure.

North Rift region consumes averagely 30 GWh every month. The region is expected to consume more electricity especially with the setting up of the proposed industrial zone. Kenya Power is planning to construct a 66 kV substation to serve the industrial zone.

ESI Africa, 19 June 2018

Globeleq-led consortium partners with EDM to progress Moz gas-fired power project

Lead partner in the Temane Energy Consortium (TEC), Globeleq, has signed a joint development agreement with Electricidade de Moçambique (EDM) to progress the 400 MW Temane gas-fired power project, located in Mozambique's Inhambane province.

The project will supply low-cost, reliable power to EDM through a 25-year tolling agreement

using natural gas supplied from the Pande-Temane fields operated by Sasol and ENH, the state-owned hydrocarbon company.

Engineering News, 21 June 2018

SOLARKIOSK partners with Siemens for micro-grid solutions

Clean power solutions provider, SOLARKIOSK has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Siemens to enhance local businesses powered by its solar systems in non-electrified parts of rural Africa.

The SOLARKIOSK solar powered E-HUBB is the business centrepiece for a rural “off-grid” village providing retail and energy-related services such as charging (mobile phones, batteries, and lights), internet connectivity, cooling of products and medication, water purification, copy, print or scan, financial inclusion services as well as news and entertainment to local communities.

In the first joint project, Siemens will implement a micro-grid gateway collecting data from both SOLARKIOSK’s existing energy systems and retail businesses and enabling remote control of the E-HUBB, thus improving service, energy usage and operation such as supply chain management.

ESI Africa, 22 June 2018

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