

Southern Africa Initiatives To Meet Power Demand

The Southern African Power Pool has commenced a US\$6.3 billion initiative to increase the region's electricity generation by an additional 6700 MW in order to meet demand, which is growing at 4.2 per cent per annum and putting increasing pressure on current infrastructure. A meeting of SAPP management has convened to focus on the shortage of power in the area and develop strategies to address the issue, particularly in the lead up to the World Cup soccer event to be hosted in South Africa. SAPP management committee chairman Nathaniel Maphate says the new investment will be a short-term project to 2010 and collectively implemented by all power utilities in the area.

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