



Kenya Power

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Shs.1.2 billion to light up the streets of Mombasa

Kenya Power today launched a major network upgrade and street lighting project in the coastal city of Mombasa. The project, estimated to cost Shs.1.2 billion, will see the lighting up of the streets of Mombasa City.

The launch of the project was officiated by the Kenya Power Managing Director and CEO, Dr Ben Chumo and the Governor, Mombasa County, H.E. Hassan Joho together with the Member of Parliament for Mvita constituency, Hon. Abdulswamad Nassir at Piggot in Mombasa Old Town.

The street lighting project in Mombasa's Old Town will be carried out at a cost of Shs.45 million. The scope of the project in the Old Town includes the retrofitting of 500 existing High Pressure Sodium (HSP) lamps to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps; replacing 5 km of existing overhead streetlight conductors with aero-bundled cable conductors; and the automation of the street lighting circuit.

The street lighting project will extend to the rest of Mombasa County at a cost of Shs.1.2 billion.

"Mombasa is the second city we are going to light up after Nairobi where we have completed the refurbishment of public lighting in 369 streets as well as the

installation of 121 high masts in high-population settlements such as Mathare, Korogocho, and Mukuru at a total cost of Shs.953 million," Dr. Ben Chumo said during the launch.

"Kenya Power's street lighting project has covered other towns such as Nyeri where 35 streets were lit within the town and its environs at cost of over Shs.100 million. Other towns that have been covered by Kenya Power's street lighting project are Kitale, Kapsowar, and Iten. We expect to extend the project to other counties such as Narok and Migori in due course," Dr. Chumo added.

The street lighting project has, so far, seen the utility install over 12,000 LED lamps across the country.

At the same time, the power firm will carry out a total upgrade of the electricity network in the coastal town to improve supply. The modernisation of the power distribution network in Mombasa's Old Town is expected to cost Shs.165 million and will involve, among others, the installation of insulated aero-bundled conductor lines and the replacement of wooden poles with the more robust concrete poles. The refurbishment project is expected to be completed by end of September 2015.

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