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ACRONYMS

CBO Community-based Organization

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

ESIA Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

EMCA Environmental Management and Coordination Act

EMP Environmental Management Plan
EMOP Environmental Monitoring Plan

GDP Gross Domestic Product
GOK Government of Kenya

IPP Independent Power Producers

JBIC Japan Bank for International Cooperation

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency

JICA Study Team A team of experts assigned for a former JBIC/New JICA

Project

KENGEN Kenya Electricity Generating Company Limited

KFS Kenya Forestry Service
KWS Kenya Wildlife Service

KPLC Kenya Power & Lighting Company Limited
NEMA National Environment Management Authority

NGO Non-governmental Organization

RAP Resettlement Action Plan

TOR Terms of Reference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to Sections 58 and 138 of the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) No. 8 of 1999 and Section 3 of the Environmental (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations 2003 (Legal No. 101), the Scoping Report was prepared to obtain the approval of the TOR for KPLC's ESIA. This report comprises Project Description, Scoping Methodology, Project Area Description, Proposed Project Activities, Project Design Issues, Public Views, Potential Positive/Adverse Impacts, the Proposed Outline of Mitigation Measures/EMP, Information Gaps and Conclusion & Recommendations.

Project Location and Description

The Project Area including alternative routes consists of 8 districts in Rift Valley Province and Nyanza Province, namely Naivasha District, Nakuru District, Baringo District, Uasin Gishu District, Kericho District, Nandi District, Nyando District and Kisumu District, and the length of the targeted transmission lines is approximately 255 km as a total, approx. 170 km between Olkaria and Lessos and 85 km between Lessos and Kisumu.

The Project Area generally falls within the Rift Valley and Lake Victoria basin. As for topographical features, they include the Rift Valley floor, the Mau escarpment, the Nandi hills and escarpment, and the Kano plains. The study area has various ecosystems such as Lake Naivasha, Lake Nakuru National Park, Hell's Gate National Park, Northern Tinderet Forest, Mount Londiani Forest, Eburru Forest, Eastern Mau Forest, Western Mau Forest, and Tinderet Forest.

Project Objectives

The principal objective of the project is to upgrade the 220kV and 132kV transmission system necessary to improve reliability and serve increasing load through the year 2022. Other objectives of the proposed project include the following:

- Design and construction of a power transmission line as per specifications provided by the electricity generation regulatory authorities (ERB, KPLC, Ministry of Energy, etc.),
- Observe sustainability through complying with all local laws among them those dealing with environmental protection, and
- Upon completion construction of the line it will be handed to KPLC.

Expected Impacts of the Proposed Project and Proposed Mitigation Measures

The following impacts were identified by the scoping study as significant impacts requiring further study and analysis: