



PRESS STATEMENT

INSTALLATION OF 150 MVA AUTOTRANSFORMER AT LEOPARDS HILL SUBSTATION

ZESCO wishes to inform its valued customers and the general public that ZESCO has purchased a 150MVA, 330/132 KV auto transformer for installation at Leopards Hill substation to replace the existing 125MVA 330/132/33KV transformer.

The installation works of this new transformer are scheduled to be carried out from 21st February 2012 to 13th March 2012. The replacement works will involve the switching off and decommissioning of the existing 125MVA 330/132 KV transformer.

During this period about 125 MVA will not be available on the Lusaka load from Leopards Hill substation which will result in increased load shedding in some parts of Lusaka during peak hours.

At present Lusaka West substation has an installed transformer capacity of 215 MVA which will be increased to 340 MVA once the installations works are completed, while at Leopards Hill substation the capacity will increase by 25 MVA to make it 490 MW.

ZESCO wishes to appeal to its valued customers to effectively participate in energy conservation measures by switching off as many electrical appliances as possible particularly at morning and evening peak demand times which are 05 00 to 08 00 hours and 17 00 hours to 22 00 hours respectively. With collective action we can save power and minimise load shedding.

ZESCO sincerely regrets the inconvenience caused and wishes to reassure its customers of our commitment to supply safe and reliable power supply.

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