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PARLIAM EGOVERNMENT GUARANTEE OF A LOAN TO THE CAST
OF KEN YPOWER AND LIGHTING CO. LTD FROM THE WORLDAN
LIBRARYFOR OLKARIA GEOTHERMAL ENGINEERING PROJECT
UNDER THE GUARANTEE LOANS ACT (CAP. 461).

In accordance with provision of Section 5 (1) of the Guarantee (Loans) Act, (Cap. 461) Laws of Kenya, the following information is laid before the National Assembly for consideration and approval.

The Government of Kenya proposes to guarantee a loan in U.S.\$ 53 million equivalent to approximately (K£.19,875,000) at current rates of exchange to be made to the East African Power and Lighting Company Ltd; by the IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development).

The loan bears interest of 7.35% per annum and will be repaid in 10 years period including a period of 3 years moratorium. In addition, the borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge of three fourths of one percent (¾ of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time. The interest and other charges shall be payable semi annually on February 15 and August 15 in each year.

The Government has agreed that the company should obtain a loan US\$ 9 million it requires for financing drilling of geothermal which includes purchasing of three drilling equipment with a view to promoting development of thermal power. Following successful drilling, the Bank will give an additional loan to the company amounting to US\$ 44 million for construction of a 30 MW. power station at Olkaria, Naivasha.

By this paper, the National Assembly is requested to approve that the Government of Kenya may guarantee the Loan referred to in paragraph two above.

The current total contingent liability of the Government of Kenya in respect of guarantees given under section three (3) of the Guarantee Loans Act (excluding liability under collateral and those specific in the schedule to the Act) amount to K£.248,302,346. With the proposed guarantee of US\$ 53 million equivalent to K£.19,875,000 the aggregate will be increased to K£.268,177,346 of which K£.6,296,853 will fall within paragraph (a) and K£.261,880,583 within paragraph (b) of section 3 (3) of the Act.

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