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Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric Project (RRFHP)

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Rusumo Border, Kirehe Rwanda - Ngara, Tanzania (Sep 30, 2023). The Council of Ministers (CoM) for Rusumo Power Company Limited (RPCL) held their 15th meeting and called on today the commissioning phase of Rusumo 80MW Power Plant. RPCL CoM is constituted by Burundi Minister for Hydraulics, Energy and Mines, Hon. Eng. Ibrahim UWIZEYE, Rwanda Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Dr. Jimmy GASORE and chaired by Deputy Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania and Minister for Energy, Hon. Dr Doto Mashaka BITEKO. The Ministerial delegations first visited the power intake and the powerhouse and the switchyard.

The Power Plant is located at Rusumo Border between Tanzania and Rwanda. The Project implementation is at 99.7%. Commissioning tests of the three units are successful and will be completed by end of October 2023. The three utilities, REG, TANESCO and REGIDESO are gradually receiving power from Rusumo Power Plant during tests. By end of 2023, RPCL will be increasing electricity to the national grids of Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania.

“We are targeting to fully use Rusumo electricity by end of 2023”, says the CoM Chairman in his press statement.

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