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UGANDA TO DEVELOP 308KM POWER LINE TO SOUTH SUDAN

The Governments of Uganda and South Sudan have signed a Power Sales Agreement (PSA) to boost power trade between the two countries and bring socio-economic development to the border towns of Oraba, Elegu, Kaya and Nimule.

The development follows a December 2015 Memorandum of Understanding to develop transmission and distribution infrastructure to connect the two countries.

The June 27 discussions and Agreement will see the prioritization of the development of the 400kV Olwiyo - Juba Power Transmission Line of 308km (138km on the Ugandan side and 170km in South Sudan) to facilitate power exchange between the two countries. The 400kV Power Substations of Olwiyo and Bibia (near Uganda's Elegu border post), plus the Juba Substation, will also be expanded.

The Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Dr Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, led the Uganda Government delegation to Juba for the execution, while her counterpart, Mr Peter Marcello Jelenge, represented the South Sudan government.

Uganda's Energy Ministry Permanent Secretary, Ms Irene Bateebe, signed the PSA on Uganda's behalf, while Mr Beck Awan Deng, the General Manager of South Sudan Electricity Cooperation (SSEC), signed on behalf of his country.

"Today's signing ceremony marks the beginning of serious cooperation in power trade between Uganda and South Sudan," said Dr Nankabirwa.

"We would like to see projects that benefit both the people of Uganda and South Sudan...We will take power from small towns in Uganda, such as Elegu and Oraba. Similarly, the people at the border of such as Nimule and Kaya in South Sudan shall be supplied with power from Uganda."