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financing gap of the identified power projects, ancillary services and transmission pricing, SAPP Pool Plan review and signing of the revised ABOM. The environmental issues discussed were the Sustainable development in SAPP and the involvement of Environmental Divisions at all stages of project planning.



The Honourable Minister of Energy, Mozambique officially opening the 31st SAPP meetings in Maputo.

Meetings and Conferences

31st SAPP Meetings in Maputo Mozambique

The 31st meetings of the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) were held in Maputo, Mozambique from 15 to 19 September 2008. All SAPP Working Groups, the Sub-Committees and the Management Committee meetings were held. The key challenge facing the region, the diminished generation surplus capacity was extensively discussed. Operational issues were discussed including system disturbance and recommendations and operational discipline as well as SAPP emergency. Planning issues centred on the status of generation capacity in SAPP,

Market Development

Day Ahead Market Trials

The Market Trials continued during the month of September 2008. The terms of reference for the Market Surveillance Committee have been completed. The SAPP Markets Sub Committee prepared a list of deliverables which is supposed to be fulfilled before the market can go live.

Technical and Other Issues

SAPP Pool Plan Study Report

The SAPP Pool Plan Study draft report final report and revised Executive Summary is expected in October 2008.

System Disturbances

In the month of September 2008, seven (7) system disturbances were experienced on the SAPP interconnected system, against four (4) in the previous month. Refer to figure 1 below. The system disturbances that occurred on 6th and 7th September 2008 led to opening of the ZESA (Zimbabwe) ó ZESCO (Zambia) interconnection on 8th September 2008. ZESA and ZESCO are jointly working to restore the interconnection as soon as possible.

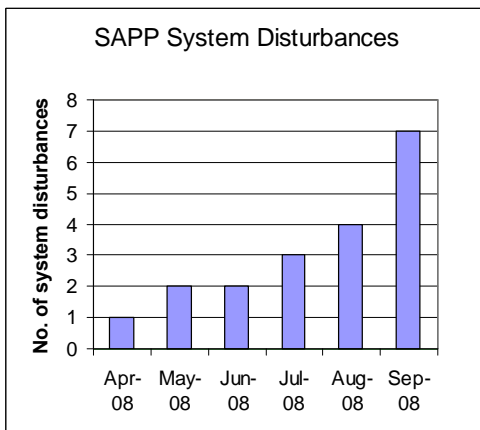


Figure 1: SAPP system disturbances.

Telecommunication Issues

The Members of the Telecommunications Working Group met in Maputo during the 31ST SAPP meetings. The TWG will finalise User Requirement Specification for Energy Management System required for SAPP CC and issue Request for Information in October 2008. Members agreed to meet again and refine User Requirement Specification for Invitation to Tender. The TWG will come up with costs that are required to fill in the gaps of fibre networks and microwave links in various utilities.

Environmental Corner

ESC Training on Clean Development Mechanisms (CDM)

The ESC received Training on CDM during the SAPP Meetings in Maputo and has recommended that this training be extended to all members of the DSM Working Group.

SAPP Guidelines on Handling and Disposal of CFLs

Draft SAPP Guidelines on the Handling and Disposal of CFLs were prepared by the SAPP Environmental Officer and circulated to members of the ESC for review and comments.

Regional Energy Efficiency (REE) Project Proposal

The proposal was circulated to seven organisations for funding and to date no commitment on funding has been received. Follow-ups on this issue are being done.

Sustainable Development (SD WG) Working Group

The SD WG met in Maputo during the 31ST SAPP Meetings. The WG was able to come up with an acceptable SAPP definition of Sustainable Development. Members agreed that the final product from the WG would be in the form of a Handbook that would guide SD in SAPP. The WG proposed to hold a meeting in November 2008 in Botswana to produce a draft Handbook on SD.

Transmission Line Guidelines for SAPP

Members of the ESC felt the current Transmission Line Guidelines for SAPP are outdated and need to be revised. A Working Group to review the Guidelines was formed and would be sending comments to the CC by the end of November 2008.

Upcoming Events for 2008

DATE	EVENT
23-24 October 2008	Operators, Controllers and Traders Forum. Mbabane, Swaziland
Nov	Transmission Planning Working Group Meeting. <u>Harare, Zimbabwe.</u>
6-7 November 2008	Power System Basics Course. Midrand, RSA
11November 2008	25 th SAPP Executive Committee Meeting. <u>Kinshasa, DRC.</u>
13-14 November 2008	RERA Annual General Meeting. Arusha, Tanzania
17-28 November 2008	SAPP Visit to China, Beijing, China