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As communicated to the media on several occasions the imminent power shortage in the SADC region is also affecting Namibia. To this end NamPower, being the custodian of electricity supply in Namibia has embarked on short, medium and long term projects to address the power shortage.

The west coast of Namibia is currently experiencing unprecedented economic growth, as a result of mushrooming mining (particularly uranium) and other economic activities in the Erongo Region. This growth relies on the supply of electricity. In order to alleviate and mitigate the impact of power shortages on the economic growth of Namibia and the Erongo Region in particular, NamPower has decided to establish emergency electrical power capacity at Walvis Bay.

Besides the implementation of several Demand Side Management programmes and other strategies such as optimisation of fuel stock at existing standby thermal stations (Van Eck and Paratus), NamPower has investigated, as a priority, the implementation of additional electricity generation facility in Walvis Bay – to be called Anixas. Anixas is the original indigenous name of the first harbour of Namibia, nowadays called Sandwich Bay, just south of Walvis Bay.

The emergency power station will be located adjacent to the existing Paratus power station at Walvis Bay and is designed to produce 21.5 MW using diesel powered generator sets. The power station would be housed in an enclosed building, reducing corrosion impact as well as noise levels. The facility would require tanks for the storage of heavy fuel, oil and other hydrocarbon fluids. The generated electricity would be fed into the transmission network by connecting it with the existing high voltage substation at Walvis Bay.

NamPower advertised and issued a public tender towards the end of March this year and tenders were submitted on 12th June 2009. NamPower evaluated tenders according to stringent criteria and protracted negotiations ensued with the preferred tenderers before awarding the tender, valued at NAD 250 million, to Barloworld Namibia. The tight construction period of 12 months will start in November 2009. The conditions of the contract are based on FIDIC EPC (engineering, procure, construct)/Turnkey and commissioning is due beginning December 2010. Barloworld Namibia has subcontracted Barloworld Power, the southern African dealer for Cat power products and Barloworld group's specialist turnkey power solutions provider to deliver the power station.

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