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NAMIBIA AND ANGOLA SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANGOLA-NAMIBIA POWER INTERCONNECTION PROJECT (ANNA) AND FOR A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, 14 APRIL 2026, IN LUANDA

NamPower and Angola's Rede Nacional de Transporte de Electricidade, RNT-EP, signed the Joint Development Agreement for the development of the Angola-Namibia Power Interconnector Project, ANNA. The two utilities also signed a bilateral Power Purchase Agreement, which establishes the technical, institutional, and commercial framework for the implementation of the ANNA Project.

The Namibian Government, through Cabinet, approved the development of the Angola-Namibia (ANNA) Project as a strategic infrastructure investment by the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, through NamPower in February this year. The approval was followed by an Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding (IGMoU) between the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy and their Angolan counterpart. The development of the ANNA Project forms part of NamPower's strategic initiatives as part of its Integrated Strategy and Business Plan (2026 – 2030) and is in line with the National Integrated Resource Plan (NIRP). Cabinet also endorsed the mobilisation of funding through the National Energy Fund (NEF) to cover Namibia's share of capital costs, in line with the NEF mandate to support infrastructure that improves energy access and affordability.

The ANNA Transmission Interconnector Project entails the construction of a 166 km (30 km in Namibia) 400 kV line between Kunene (Namibia) and Cahama (Angola) substations, including 400 kV line feeder bays, 400kV/330 kV transformation and an SVC at Kunene Substation. The ANNA Interconnector is further supported by the construction of a 270 km transmission line between Omatando and Otjikoto substations. The above infrastructure expansion projects aim to facilitate the establishment of a transmission corridor between Angola and Namibia and connection of RNT-EP in Angola to the SAPP grid to become an operating member.

NamPower's Managing Director, Kahenge Haulofu said that the partnership represents far more than the formalisation of two agreements, as it is a clear demonstration of the enduring and longstanding partnership between NamPower and Rede Nacional de Transporte de Electricidade (RNT-EP). "It reflects our shared commitment to regional integration, energy security, and sustainable economic development, in alignment with the strategic priorities of both the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Government of the Republic of Angola".

The Managing Director further stated that, as energy demand across the SADC region continues to rise, coupled with persistent supply constraints, the project offers a practical and forward-looking solution.

“The ANNA Project creates an opportunity to optimise and share our respective energy resources more effectively, thereby supporting the evolving needs of the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and contributing to regional energy security”.

The ANNA Interconnector project cost is estimated at N\$941 million (US\$52.3 million), and the completion date is scheduled for 2029.

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