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Finance Working Group (FWG)

The Finance Working Group (FWG) met in Harare at the SAPP Coordination Centre Offices on the 8th of January 2015. The main agenda of the meeting was to go through the Coordination Centre budget for the year 2015/16. Other issues discussed had to do with the financial and internal controls of the Centre. The meeting adopted the budget which is going to be presented to the Coordination Centre Board in February 2015 at the SAPP 44th meetings.

SADC Workshop on Sustainable Water Resources Management

SADC Water Division convened a one day workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa on the validation of the SADC regional report for the World Water Forum to be held in South Korea in April, 2015. The workshop was able to validate the Draft sub-regional report on Infrastructure for sustainable water resources management and services. The workshop included senior Government Officials from the SADC ministries of Water, Regional Economic Commissions and Global Water Partnership. The Environmental Officer, Mr. Johnson Maviya represented the SAPP at this workshop.

SAPP Transmission Projects

Mozambique-Zimbabwe-South Africa (MOZISA) Transmission Project

Technical evaluation of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the MOZISA project was done by a team of experts from Eskom, ZESA, EDM and SAPP-CC. Three firms were shortlisted for financial evaluation after which one firm will be awarded the tender for the studies.



SAPP Transmission Projects

Zimbabwe-Zambia-Botswana-Namibia (ZIZABONA) Transmission Project

The SAPP Coordination Centre has forwarded all the supporting documents to the African Development Bank for the processing of the initial payments to consultants to undertake transaction advisory services, environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) for the transmission line in Zambia and Project Coordination. The consultants are expected to assume work from 1 March 2015.

Renewable Energy Week

SAPP Chief Engineer attended the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Renewable Energy Training in the United Arab Emirates, to support governance and decision-making processes for integrating renewable energy into the power system. The program covered:

- Renewable energy target setting;
- Support schemes for target achievement;
- Renewables system integration; and
- Regional cross-border initiatives.

The training was attended by Regulators and Power Pool Representatives from Africa and South East Asia.

System Operations

In the month of January 2015, seven system disturbances were reported on the SAPP interconnected power system. Two were characterized by partial loss of output on the Mozambique- South Africa HVDC link due to faulty converter bridges. The other two were incidences of power system frequency excursions from the normal band due to insufficient generation. The last three caused tripping of the Mozambique - Zimbabwe 330kV AC interconnection due to adverse weather conditions and due to faults induced from the distribution system in Mozambique. Figure-1 below shows a general outlook of reported SAPP system disturbances.

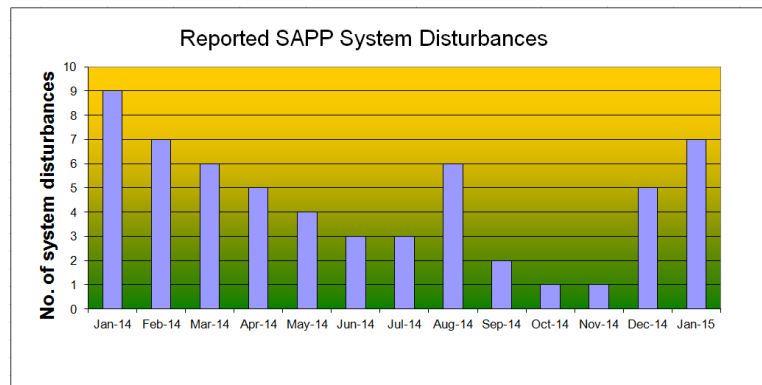
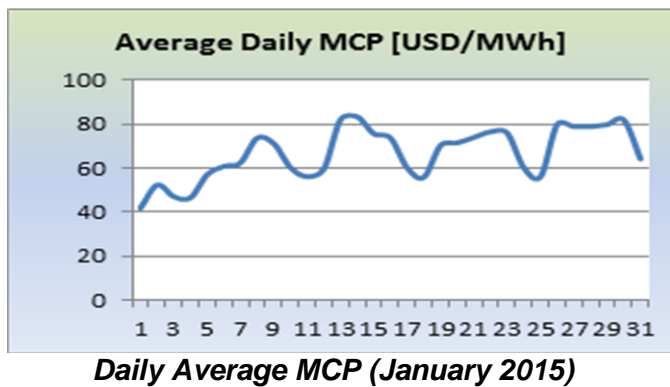


Figure-1: Reported SAPP System Disturbances

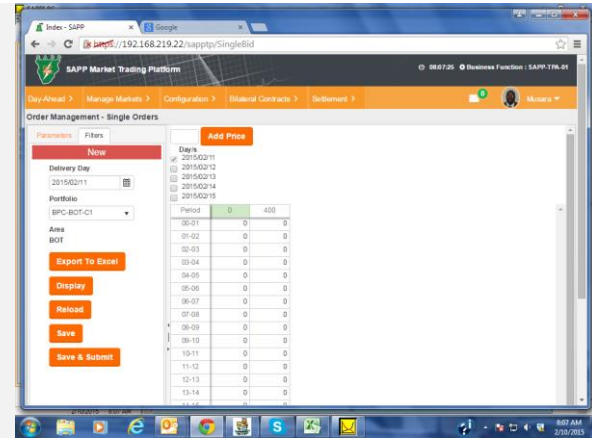
Energy Trading

Trading in the market was lower during the month of January 2015 when compared to the traded volumes in December 2014. With regards to bids submitted, there were more buy bids than sale offers received in January 2015 in the day-ahead market trading platform. A total of *140,606 MWh* Sale offers and a total of *285,404 MWh* Buy bids were received in January 2015. There was an increase of *7,822 MWh* or *5.8%* in Sale offers received and a huge decrease of *90,720 MWh* or *24.12 %* in Buy bids received in January 2015 when compared to December 2014 figures of *132,784 MWh* Sale offers and *376,124 MWh* Buy bids received. There could have been more trade in the market where it not for many generator outages that have become a trend during summer period.

Prices were steady on the market for most of the days during the month of January 2015. The average monthly market clearing price (MCP) increased during the month of January 2015 to *6.670 USc/KWhr* when compared to the *6.424 USc/KWhr* recorded in December 2014. MCP prices have been averaging around *7.000 USc/KWhr* in the previous months. Below is a summary of the daily average MCPs for the month of January 2015. The general increase in sale prices currently prevailing on the market often resulted in less matching of bids.



A total of *USD 2,398,558* was exchanged on the DAM and PDAM market during the month of January 2015 when compared to a total of *USD 2,940,430* exchanged in December 2014.



Development of SAPP New Trading Platform

Site acceptance tests for the new trading platform were successfully done on 22-24 January 2015. Thereafter traders training on the new DAM trading platform was done for the SAPP members on 26-27 January 2015 at the SAPP CC in Harare, Zimbabwe.

The new DAM trading platform will then go on trials during the month of February 2015 before going live in March 2015.



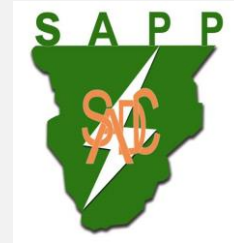
SAPP Traders pose for a photo during the 1st Traders Training on New DAM Trading Platform in Harare, Zimbabwe

Environmental Corner

Regional PCB Phase-out Project

The SAPP and SADC in conjunction with the Africa Institute for the elimination of Hazardous wastes are in the process of submitting a full size project to GEF for funding for the SADC PCB elimination. A team of consultants engaged have since finalized the document and it is now available for stakeholder comments.

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
2 – 5 Feb 2015	MOZISA RFP Evaluation, Midrand, South Africa
11-12 Feb 2015	Crime & Prevention Working Group Meeting, Harare, Zimbabwe
17-18 Feb 2015	Africa Energy Indaba 2015, Sandton, South Africa
23 -25 Feb 2015	44 th SAPP Management Committee Meeting, Harare, Zimbabwe
26 - 27 Feb 2015	ICP/ETG Meeting , Gaborone, Botswana
17 - 19 Mar 2015	Workshop on IPP Framework, Cape Town, South Africa
18 -19 Mar 2015	Africa Future Energy Forum, Nairobi, Kenya

25-26 Mar 2015	Africa Investment Funds & Asset Management Forum, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
16 April 2015	38 th SAPP Executive Committee Meeting, Megawatt Park Conference Centre, South Africa
20-24 April 2015	AFUR 12 th Conference & Annual General Meeting, CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
5 – 6 May 2015	Copperbelt Mining Trade Expo & Conference, Mist Gardens, Kitwe, Zambia
12-14 May 2015	15 th Annual African Utility Week & Clean Power Africa, Cape Town, South Africa