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## Our Vision

To be the leading regional provider of innovative and sustainable energy solutions for national development

## Our Mission

Developing and providing reliable and affordable energy while creating value for our stakeholders

## Core Values of REG



### Customer Oriented

Serving our customers and ensuring their satisfaction through our culture of excellence



### Integrity

We are open, fair and honest with our stakeholders



### RESPECT FOR PEOPLE

We respect, empower, recognize and ensure the continuous development of our people.



### TEAM WORK

We work together reinforcing our professional capabilities as individuals, teams and operating units



### EFFICIENCY

We innovatively achieve more with fewer resources without compromising quality



### SUSTAINABILITY

We provide sustainable solutions in a safe environment

# 1 REG RECOGNIZED AMONG PRIVATE COMPANIES THAT PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Gender Monitoring Office (GMO) and the Private Sector Federation (PSF) in collaboration with The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UN Women, today on 30th March, 2021 hold the recognition event for the second cohort of private sector companies for their efforts and commitment in promoting gender equality and accountability in their business.



This is part of the programme “ **Promoting gender accountability in the private sector in Rwanda**”, initiated in 2017 with the aim of ensuring respect of gender equality principles in the private sector, thus allowing men and women equally contribute the company growth through increased productivity and profitability.

Rwanda Energy Group (REG) is among the Companies that were recognized in a ceremony that took place at Serena Hotel, Kigali.

Ron Weiss, the CEO of REG thanked GMO and other partners for organizing this event, and reiterate the REG’s will to increase the number of women working in energy sector.

REG CEO also called all stakeholders to double effort to facilitate women engineers access the labour market, more specifically in the energy sector. He also mentioned that REG is about to build a new hydropower plant where staff will only be women.

“Nyabarongo II Hydropower Plant which is going to be built, will only be operated by women” he said, adding that women are capable like men, to not only compete for jobs in the energy sector but also strive for high positions in the energy sector or other sectors.” Disclosed CEO Ron after receiving the certificate.

The companies that joined the programme, completed the gender analysis and developed the action plan to address the identified gaps were recognized and were provided with recognition certificates for their efforts as they wait to complete implementation of planned initiatives for being gender certified.

Apart from REG that was recognized in this event, other companies that were recognized are Bank of Kigali (BK), Development Bank of Rwanda (BRD), Mata Tea Company, MTN Rwanda, Nyabihu Potato Company Ltd, Rwanda Interlink Transport Company (RITCO), Wolfram Mining and Processing Company.

## 2 ELECTRICITY ACCESS RATE REACHES 62.3% FROM 10% IN 2010



According to statistics, the number of households accessing electricity has increased from 10% in 2010 to 62.3% as of April 2021. Kicukiro and Nyaruguru Districts have currently the highest rate with 95% and 88%. The total number of households connected across the country is 1,689,053 today.

The Government of Rwanda has taken a policy decision to diversify the sources of electricity by adding to traditional dominant grid connections some mini-grid and off-grid connections. Subsequently, Households located far away from the planned national grid coverage are being encouraged to use alternatively cheaper connections such as Mini-grids and Solar Photovoltaics (PVs) to reduce the cost of access to electricity whilst relieving constraints on historical government subsidies.

Among the 62.3% households accessing electricity, 46% are connected to the national grid while 16.3% are accessing through off-grid solution, mainly solar energy and mini-grids.

The current access targets stipulate a 100% access to electricity by the year 2024 while all Districts of the capital City will all connected before the end of the year 2021.

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## A NEW SUBSTATION IN BUGESERA TO START OPERATING SOON

Rwanda Energy Group (REG) says that Bugesera substation is already completed and ready to start operating.

This substation will improve the quality of power supply in Bugesera industrial zone and also enable connection to Bugesera International Airport.

According to Higaniro Theoneste, the head of implementation and transmission development projects at EDCL-REG, this substation will solve issues of unstable power supply in Bugesera Industrial zone

“ The industrial zone used to have issues of unstable power due to the long lines supplying the area. Having one substation dedicated to Bugesera District will reduce the length of lines supplying the area, and we will be able to increase the amount of power distributed in the industrial zone will get enough power as needed” he said.

Higaniro, also said that, there are two Power plants under construction and almost ready to be completed, namely Hakan Peat to Power Plant and Rusumo Hydropower Plant.

The 80 MW peat to power plant is nearing completion. The power from this power plant will be transmitted to this substation and added to the grid via Mamba - Rwabusoro-Bugesera line.

Rusumo Hydropower will also be connected to the grid by Bugesera Substation via Rusumo-Bugesera transmission line. The plant is still under construction.

“This substation has a capacity of 93.8 MVA. It was constructed in two phases. The first one was completed



last year and the second one is at the testing phase, we are looking if everything is fine before commissioning it” he added.

According to Higaniro, apart from Bugesera substation, other ongoing transmission development projects include the construction of Mamba - Rwabusoro transmission line with a distance of 84.5 km, as well as Bugesera - Shango line covering a distance of 35 km which is still under construction and will be completed by the end of this year. Rusumo line of 84km will be completed in October this year.

There is also a completed line of 84.5km form Mamba in Gisagara District through Nyanza to Bugesera Station.

Another line under construction connects Bugesera substation to Shango substation at a distance of 35km. It is expected to complete by the end of this year.

As of now, the total of installed electricity generation capacity in Rwanda has increased to 235.6MW and around 62,3% households have accessed electricity now.

# 4 THIS YEAR RWANDA WILL HAVE MORE 14MW ADDED TO THE GRID FROM METHANE GAS



The Ministry of Infrastructure has said that this year Rwanda will have more 14MW from Methan Gas added to the national grid.

These added Megawatt (MW) are being produced in a 25 years agreement between REG and Shema Power Lake Kivu Limited of extracting 56MW of methan gas from lake Kivu in Rubavu District.

It is planned that the second phase of extracting 42MW remaining will be generated not later than June 2022 as said by Hon. Minister of Infrastructure Amb. Claver GATETE.

Constructed infrastructure offshore of the lake Kivu will be an advantage of surplus of 26MW added to other extracted by Contour Global Company, which is still constructing up to 100MW in the second phase.

Concerning the SPLK project, there is some pipe constructed on the mountain, which will receive the gas at the distance of 5km inside the lake, there are some big

pipes inside the lake with signals in red colour alerting people using the boat.

These big pipes, will be connected to other small pipes at the distance of 350m under water, where they will extract the gas and separate it from water.

It is expected that these energies will be added to the national grid of 220KV and will be put at 30KV before being distributed to the households.

This electricity generation will be a solution to power instability as explained by Butera Laurent, REG Branch Manager in Rubavu District. Construction works of this methan gas plant started in 2015 by Symbion Power and sold to Shema Plant Lake Kivu in 2018.

In order to speed up the development of economy, the Government of Rwanda is targeting that every Rwanda household will have access to electricity by 2024. REG statistics currently shows that access to electricity is at 60,3%.



## 5 CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT NYABIHU SUBSTATION NEAR COMPLETION



The Rwanda Energy Group (REG) announces that the construction of the Nyabihu Electrical substation is nearing completion and this substation will start supplying electricity to households in Nyabihu District and surrounding districts.

Construction works at Nyabihu substation began in July 2019 and will be completed by the end May 2021.

The substation was built in Ruzuba Village, Rugeshi Cell, Mukamira Sector in Nyabihu District, and is the first substation to be completed in the District and will help residents of Nyabihu District and nearby Districts including Rubavu, Rutsiro, Ngororero and Musanze get uninterrupted power supply.

Mutsindashyaka Martin; The Branch Manager of REG in Nyabihu, said that the completed substation will reduce the length of electrical lines, as residents of Nyabihu and nearby areas were complaining of power cuts due to long

lines. He also said that the electricity Nyabihu Residents was accessing was from the Camp Belge substation in Musanze, resulting in a massive power outage due to the length of the network.

This substation will also help many industries under construction in the area to get enough electricity.

He went on by saying that this will reduce the losses the company could suffer as a result of power cuts due to the length of the electrical line from Musanze to Nyabihu.

Nyabihu district now has more than 52% of households with access to electricity.

In order to accelerate economic development, the Government of Rwanda has set a goal that every Rwandan household will have access to electricity by 2024. So far REG statistics show that more than 62,3% of the households has accessed electricity in Rwanda.

## 6 RUBAVU: CHANGE OF LIVELIHOODS OF MORE THAN 8,100 HOUSEHOLDS THAT ACCESSED ELECTRICITY



households now have access to electricity, including those connected from the grid or solar energy.

“We are confident that by 2024 we will be able to provide electricity to all households in Rubavu, as the remaining areas of electricity supply are small and we have many projects that will help us build more electrical lines to fill that gap,” he said.

Households that have recently been connected to electricity in joy

Hakizimana Gilbert, a resident of Gatovu Cell in Nyundo Sector, who owns a small bakery, said he had not been able to get electricity during the night hours.

The electrical lines under construction in Rubavu District are distributing electricity to Nyundo, Nyamyumba, Kanama, Rugerero and Nyakiriba Sectors and Rubavu Residents have started getting electricity.

The new Rubavu electrical lines cover more than 109 kilometers and provide electricity to 8,076 households in Rubavu.

Butera Laurent, the Rwanda Energy Group Manager in Rubavu District, explained that the project was implemented with the support from the World Bank.

“This is a World Bank-sponsored project in Rubavu, Burera and Rulindo Districts. Especially here in Rubavu, the project focuses on electrically connecting households in areas far from the grid.”

Butera says that in Rubavu District, more than 78% of

“Before we could not get enough electricity especially in nights, we used a petrol generator which was so expensive, now we are happy after getting the reliable and stable electricity” he said.

Nzabanita Evariste, who lives in Busheru Village in Nyundo Sector and runs a small business that includes restaurants, phone charging and various other activities, has also started to benefit from electricity.

“I’m really grateful and I thank REG for connecting us, we have no problem now that we turn on the lights at night and we enjoy the success of our businesses, we charge the phones easily, and now I am starting to make a profit because this electricity.”

Statistics show that in Rwanda, more than 62,3% of households have access to electricity including households connected to the main grid and households connected through off-grid.

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## RBF CLEAN COOKING, A NEW SUBSIDIES PROGRAM TO ENABLE 500,000 HOUSEHOLDS TO BUY IMPROVED COOKING STOVES



In a move to support the Government of Rwanda's target of reducing the percentage of households that use firewood for cooking from a baseline value of 79.90% in 2017 to 42% by 2024, The Ministry of Infrastructure through the Rwanda Energy Group (REG) in its subsidiary company in charge of energy development (EDCL), in collaboration with the Development Bank of Rwanda (BRD) has launched a Clean Cooking Results-based Financing (CC-RBF) subsidy scheme.

The subsidy is designed to address the affordability of clean cooking technologies through the reduction of system prices at varying amounts allocated for Ubudehe 1, 2, and 3 categories, and aiming to reach up to the lowest income population in Rwanda.

The subsidy window is co-financed by the World Bank's Clean Cooking Fund through Rwanda Energy Access and Quality Improvement Project (EAQIP). The CC-RBF expects to trigger at least 500,000 households (of which 25% are supposed to be female-headed households) gain access to clean cooking technologies.

The project will support both urban and rural households. In urban areas, the focus will be to reduce and eventually phase out charcoal as a cooking fuel and replace it with clean cooking solutions. In rural areas, the focus will be on reducing the reliance on firewood as a cooking fuel, by gradually introducing more efficient solutions.

The subsidies are expected to be calculated depending on the ubudehe level and the type of stove purchased. The lower the Ubudehe category, the higher the subsidy.

A call has been made to all clean cooking companies inviting interested companies or cooperatives that supply improved cooking stoves, pellets, briquettes or Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) appliances in Rwanda to express interest of cooperation with EDCL.

All eligible clean cooking technologies will be tested, evaluated, and certified by the stove testing lab of the Rwanda Standards Board based on the established performance criteria. All companies with successful technologies will sign an agreement with the BRD to be included in CC RBF project.

## 8 RBF WINDOW 5- A NEW SUBSIDY TO ENABLE 370,000 HOUSEHOLDS GET SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS



of Rwanda (BRD) and Energy Development Corporation Ltd. (EDCL), have launched a Results-based Financing (RBF) subsidy called "RBF Window 5".

The Subsidy is designed to address the affordability of SHS faced by rural households through the reduction of prices for the systems at varying amounts allocated to Ubudehe 1, 2, and 3 categories with the aim of

reaching the lowest income population in Rwanda.

The FRW 29.24 billion (US\$ 30 million) subsidy window is funded by the World Bank and is expected to trigger at least 370,000 off-grid connections. It is expected that this RBF facility will boost uptake of REF funds thus enabling the project to connect Rwandan households using off-grid solutions.

The subsidy will be channeled through eligible Off-grid Solar Companies (OSCs) that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with EDCL and the supplied SHSs must be meeting the Ministerial Guidelines on Minimum Standards Requirements for Solar Home Systems that was published in June 2019.

Statistics show that the number of households which have access to electricity in Rwanda has increased to 62.3% including 16.3% using off-grid solutions, mainly solar home systems.

The Government of Rwanda (GoR) has set an ambitious target of universal access to electricity by 2024, with 52% of the population to be reached by the grid and 48% of the population by off-grid solutions.

The gap to achieve the National Strategy for Transformation (NST1) target is 1,285,686 connections, comprised of 936,978 connections targeted from Solar Home Systems (SHS) and 348,708 connections targeted from mini-grid systems. Therefore, the annual off-grid connection required from now to 2024 is 321,422 of which new SHS connections required per year is 234,245.

In a move to increase Solar Home System (SHS) installations and electrification of households in rural areas of Rwanda, the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) and Rwanda Energy Access and Quality Improvement Project (EAQIP) implemented by the Development Bank

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## FOUR PEOPLE ARRESTED IN KIGALI OVER VANDALIZING AND STEALING ELECTRICITY PYLONS

Rwanda National Police (RNP) has arrested four men in City of Kigali in connection with vandalizing electricity pylons causing power outage.

The suspects were paraded before the media on Friday, January 15, at the Police metropolitan headquarters in Remera.

They include one Edson Uwitonze, who was allegedly buying and selling metal pieces stolen from pylons; Emmanuel Muhirwa, a taxi-moto operator, who was allegedly transporting thieves and metal pieces taken from pylons; Samuel Ndayizeye, one of the suspected thieves vandalizing the powerlines; and Eric Kubwimana, who was linking thieves to dealers in metals or scraps.

Stanley Nkubito, the head for energy efficiency and revenue protection at EUCL-REG, said that these criminal activities continue to cause power cuts in some parts of the country and they cause energy inefficiency.

"We register at least 50 cases of people destroying pylons every year. Since the beginning of this year and this raises concern. In some cases, this vandalism cause power outage in areas that are supplied by the same electricity line" Nkubito said.

He explained that this prompted REG to constitute a team that works with security organs to fight such criminal activities.

RNP spokesperson, Commissioner of Police (CP) John Bosco Kabera warned that the force will continue the search



and arrest anyone that destroys public infrastructure, which affects service delivery, lead businesses into losses as well as the government in terms of repairing the affected utilities.

"Everyone, including these suspects, benefit from electricity in one way or another. It is the responsibility of everyone to protect these infrastructures jealously to ensure that anyone that attempts to destroy them is arrested," CP Kabera said.

According to article 182 of the law relating to offences and penalties in general in Rwanda, "any person, who maliciously demolishes or damages in any way, in whole or in part of construction, building, bridge, dams, water pipes and their routes, railway rails or any other means of communication or electric power infrastructure, wells or any other constructions, which do not belong to him/her, commits an offence.

Upon conviction, he/she is liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than three (3) years and not more than five (5) years with a fine of not less than Frw3 million and not more than Frw5 million.

# 10 REG AND WASAC COMMEMORATED FORMER ELECTROGAZ STAFF VICTIMS OF 1994 GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI



On 08th April, 2021 the Senior Managers of Rwanda Energy Group (REG) and Water Sanitation Corporation (WASAC) commemorated former ELECTROGAZ Staff victims of the Genocide against Tutsi, an activity that took place at the Memorial located at REG Headquarters, in Nyarugenge District, City of Kigali.

The commemoration started with laying a wreath at this memorial built at REG Headquarters, where the Senior Management of REG and WASAC took time to remember 1994 Genocide against Tutsi.

Eng. Alfred DUSENGE Byigero, the CEO of WASAC in his remarks during this commemoration reiterated the dreadful moments the Tutsi passed through during the Genocide. He further reminded participants that Rwandans will keep commemorating the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, generation by generation, and every year WASAC will avail a fund for the survivors of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.

“This year we provided clean water to one village of Genocide survivors in Ruhango District, we planned to keep assisting families of 1994 Genocide against Tutsi every year to honor them.” Disclosed Eng. Byigero.

In her concluding remarks, Dr. Didacienne MUKANYILIGIRA the Chairperson of the Board of Directors at REG said that what happened in Rwanda is very sad and she can't find words to express it but she hopes Genocide will never happen again in the future. She comforted the families of the victims of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and thanked REG Management for upholding the culture of unity at workplace.

“I request everyone to keep fighting any genocide ideology and also keep upholding the values of unity and reconciliation. We are ready to provide our contribution to support Genocide Survivors, as the wounds resulting from the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi are always present in their daily lives.

In the framework of the 27th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi, REG provided free connection to the electrical grid the IDP model village built for Genocide survivors in Muhanga District, while WASAC provided free household connections to water network 45 houses of the survivors in Ruhango District. Both companies also donated 4 million Rwandan Francs to support activities of IBUKA during the 100 days of commemoration.

# 11 REG WINS PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



## FINAL

Men

Women

REG 67-53 IPRC-Kigali

IPRC-Huye71-59 the Hoops

Cameroon-born power forward Beleck Bell Engelbert scored a game-high 24 points on Sunday evening as he inspired his side-Rwanda Energy Group (REG)-to a fourth consecutive pre-season basketball tournament after beating IPRC-Kigali 67-53 in the final game at the Kigali Arena.

IPRC-Kigali started the game well and took the first quarter 14-13, however, REG took control in the second with 14-11. The first half ended 27-25 with REG BBC leading.

After the break, REG won the third and the fourth quarters respectively.

“This was a good performance. The players again proved we are ready for the new season,” Henry Mwinuka; REG BBC Coach told reporters after the victory.

Power forward Beleck Bell Engelbert contributed 24 points and 16 rebounds while Kami Kabange added 15 points.

Olivier Turatsinze led PRC-Kigali with 12 points, while Armand Cyubahiro added 10 points.

Both champions in men and women walked away with trophies and one million cheque as cash prize.

In the women category, IPRC-Huye basketball retained the pre-season title after beating The Hoops 71-59 in the final game.

# 12 REG VC FINISHED NINTH AFTER BEATING APR IN THE AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



The two teams that represented Rwanda in the African Men’s African Championship (CAVB Men’s African Volleyball Clubs Championship 2021) in Tunis, Tunisia, met in the ninth and 10th place, REG VC defeated APR VC 3 sets- 0.

The Africa Cup of Nations finals ended on Monday, April 26, 2021, Esperance de Tunis of Tunisia defeating Zamalek of Egypt 3 sets - 0 in the final game.

REG VC and APR VC represented Rwanda in African Men’s African Championship and both teams finished the 9th and 10th place matches. REG VC beat APR VC 3-0 (25-18, 25-21 and 25-22), winning the match and ninth and APR VC the tenth place respectively.

REG VC coach Mugisha Benon said it was not an easy game, but his players had fulfilled their demands. He said that even though they did not achieve their goal of winning the fourth place, as a team that participated for the first time the ninth place was not bad.

“It wasn’t easy, but we got it right, what we had planned was what they did. We played well, we were happy, but as those who came with the goal of being in the top four, we could not enjoy the ninth place even if it was good. The first lesson is not just preparation, the team has to play the competition, the training is not going to get you there.” disclosed Mugisha after winning APR VC.



## 13 MESSAGE FROM CEO OF REG, MD OF EDCL AND MD OF EUCL

**Ubutumwa bugenewe Abakozi ku munsu Mpuzamahanga w'Umurimo**  
**01.05.2021**

Bakozi mwese dusangiye umurimo muri REG, EDCL na EUCL,

Kuri uyu umunsu twizihizaho Umunsu Mpuzamahanga w'Umurimo muri uyu mwaka wa 2021, Ubuyobozi bwa REG, EDCL, na EUCL bwongeye kubifuriza **Umunsu mwiza w'Umurimo**.

Turabashimira uruhare rwanyu mudahwema kugaragaza mu guteza imbere urwego rw'Ingufu mu Rwanda. Ubwitange bwanyu no gushyira hamwe bibaranga mu mirimo yanyu ya buri munsu bikomeje kugaragaza umusaruro wo gushimangirwa.

Mu bikorwa bimaze kugerwaho aha twavugaga ibi:

Ubu amashanyarazi aboneka mu Gihugu amaze kugera kuri Megawati 235.6 ndetse twizeye ko aziyongeraho izindi 80 muri uyu mwaka wa 2021 zizaturuka ku mushinga wa Hakan.

Ubu ingo zifite amashanyarazi zimaze kugera kuri 60.9%. Ibi byose byagezweho kubera imbaraga, ubwitange, n'umuhate byanyu.

Muri rusange, ibibazo by' ibura ry' amashanyarazi byagiye bikemuka henshi mu gihugu; ibi tukaba tubikesha imiyoboro mishya na za substations nshya zubatswe cyane cyane mu bice by' Amajyepfo n' Amajyaruguru y' Igihugu.

Insanganyamatsiko y'uyu mwaka ku munsu w'umurimo iragira iti **"Duteze imbere umurimo, isoko yo kuzahura ubukungu no kwihutisha iterambere"**.

Ibi bisobanuye ko buri mukozi wese asabwa kugira uruhare mu iterambere ryihuse ry'Igihugu cyacu. Turabasaba gukomeza guharanira gukora umurimo unoze. Turasabwa gukomera ku mahame ya kinyamwuga dukorana umurava mu kinyabupfura gisanzwe kituranga. Kugirango tugere ku ntego twahawe zu kugeza ku Baturarwanda amashanyarazi ndetse n' ibikorwa byose by' iterambere. Ibi tuzabigeraho twese nidukomeza gushyira hamwe.

Turabashimiye.

Mugire **Umunsu mwiza w'Umurimo!**



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Dear colleagues at REG, EUCL and EDCL,

On this day of celebration for the 2021 International Labor Day, the Management of REG, EDCL, and EUCL wishes you all a **Happy Labor Day**.

We are very grateful for the hard-work and commitment you dedicate to your daily duties to develop Rwanda's Energy Sector. Your commitment and teamwork are appreciated by our stakeholders.

The recent update on the company's achievements indicates that:

Access to electricity increased from 35.6% in 2017 to 60.9% (45% on grid and 15.9% off grid) in February 2021.

The installed generation capacity increased from 208.38MW in 2017 to 235.6 MW in March and we expect to add more than 80 MW from Hakan project which is in testing phases.

Other appreciations are coming from the improved Transmission and Distribution systems as results of commissioned and ongoing substations in the areas of South and Northern parts of the country.

We encourage staff to keep in mind that our main target is to provide sustainable power supply to all Homes and Business facilities.

By doing so, REG is contributing to the theme for this year's Labor Day celebration to **"Promote employment for rapid economic recovery and transformational development"**. This means that everyone working in the company is directly involved in the development of Rwanda.

We strongly urge you all to continue striving for keeping high standards in promoting ethical manners and professionalism in our daily work and the management accounts on your feedback to make more improvements.

Once again, we thank you and wish you all a **Happy Labor Day!**



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## ELECTRICITY SAVING TIPS

- Turn off non-essential lights and appliances. Example make sure all bedroom lights, fans, air conditioners etc. are turned off when the whole family is in the living room watching Television.
- Avoid running large appliances such as washers, dryers and electric ovens during peak-demand hours from 6:00 am to 9:00am and 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Fridge doors should not be left open for longer than necessary. [cold air escape]. Hot or warm food should not be put straight into the fridge (need to cool down first).
- Fridge should be regularly defrosted to keep running efficiently. If it tends to frost up quickly, the door seal should be checked and if the fridge is next to a gap cooker or a boiler, a good should be left between them.
- Buy Energy efficient appliances, products and light such as the compact fluorescent lamps instead of incandescent bulbs.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights, especially in unused offices and conference rooms and turn down remaining lighting levels where possible. Take advantage of natural lights where possible.
- Use skylight for roofing of production floors and ware houses.
- Set computers, monitors, printers copiers and other business equipment to their energy saving mode and turn them off during long idle periods such as lunch breaks and at the close of the day. Minimize energy usage during peak demand hours from 6:00am to 9:00am and from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Ensure that offices having air conditioners have properly sealed windows and all doors are closed when the air conditioner is in use. Make sure your air conditioner is switched off at the end of the day. Again switch it off when you know you will be leaving the office for a longer period. Ensure regular maintenance of air conditioners.
- You could install simple motion detectors with your office lighting and air conditioner systems to turn off lights when not needed and cut down your energy consumption.



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