

Iringa energy firm to sell 10MW to national grid

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GREEN Resources Company based in Mufindi District, Iringa Region has introduced a new 15 megawatts power production plant project using wood biomass. It is undertaking the project through Sao Hill Energy (SHE).

The Combine Heat and Power (CHP) plant is expected to be constructed soon at the company premises closer to wood harvest wastes, the raw material that is used for power generation.

The firm's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mads Aspren, said the plant would use wood biomass designed for heat and electricity.

CEO Aspren told The Guardian at a stakeholders

meeting at Sao Hill Industries (SHI) yesterday.

He said that out of the 15MW, 10MW would be sold direct to Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) through Standardized Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA), as per the Electricity Act of 2008.

He said 3MW would be supplied to the local communities as part of rural electrification, hence create environment for social and economic development to the people in the community.

"The power line will possibly be connected at Kalinga substation to the national grid about 14kms from the Combine Heat and Power plant," said the CEO.

The stakeholders' meeting was meant to introduce the new various projects that will be implemented by Green

Resources.

Some of the projects are improvement in power transmission pole business, improvement in the new sawmill, making charcoal briquettes and building a kiln for quality timber for export and for quality products from local joinery and furniture manufactures.

He noted that the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a subsidiary of the World Bank and Norwegian Fund (NORFUND) had agreed to extend a USD25m loan towards implementation of the new projects.

"The IFC and NORFUND have agreed to disburse USD25m loan to us and the company will provide USD20m for the same projects," he concluded.