Japan provides US\$22 million windfall for NPA

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Congo Cross and another 11KV Transmission line from Falcon Bridge to Blackhall Road.

Also, the phase entails building a new substation at Regent. This will provide electricity to the entire Western Rural Area and will also improve on the distribution network and capacity of Kingtom to transport the Bumbuna power supply to the area by the time it is ready. As scheduled, the Minister briefed President Koroma that this project will be completed in February 2009.

The second phase of the project implementation agreement will be approved in September 2008 in Japan. This was reported to provide 10 Mega-watts Thermal Power Plant electricity supply to Kingtom power station and is due to start in September this year and will

be completed in December 2009.

The total cost of the project is US\$22Million with Japan pledging grants for Phase 1 of the project up to US\$5.0 Million and US\$16million for Phase 11.

However, the Government of Sierra Leone will also be making a meaningful contribution to the tune of US\$165,000.00 to the entire project. In collaboration with the National Power Authority, the Minister confirmed that this is currently carried out by the Authority in providing funding that represents the Government of Sierra Leone's contribution to start the project implementation activities.

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President Koroma was fully made to understand that the Ministry of Energy and Power will supervise the project's implementation, with the National Power Authority being the main Implementing Agency and a Japanese company, YACHIYO Engineering Co to act as Project Consultants, The

main contractors of the project for Phase 1 are Adder Value Cooperation and Takaoka Engineering Co. from Japan while Sky Construction and Decon Enterprises will also serve as local contractors.