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VICE CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS AT THE COMMISSIONING OF THE UMEME BULK METERING SYSTEM, FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2010, COUNCIL ROOM AND EASTERN GATE

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The commissioning of the Bulk Metering System marks a turning point in as far as recovering our financial proficiency is concerned. We are focused on proper financial management; ensuring that there is good financial planning, transparency, accountability and financial controls.

In order to achieve this, the University Management has committed itself to undertake and support innovative strategies and partnerships aimed at reducing the expenditure without affecting the quality of services provided. The centralisation of the bulk metering system therefore comes with a lot of benefits to Makerere University. It seeks to help the University reduce its expenditure on electricity, which has been Shs 300 million per month to a manageable level. With the old system, the University has been charged at the following rates: Medium Industrial (Off peak-280.7; Shoulder-370.3; and Peak-434.3). With the bulk metering system; the University will be charged lower tariff rates: Large Industrial (Off peak-148.9; Shoulder-186.8; and Peak-217.4).

The University will also integrate all its former consumption accounts namely Medium Industrial (22 accounts); Three Phase (45 accounts) and Domestic Users (335 accounts) into a centralised metering system/account. As a result, the University's consumption range will be elevated to another tariff category code 30: **"High Voltage supply to large industrial users"** whose attendant benefits include lower average tariff of Ushs 184.8 per kWh and the possibility of a monthly reward if the University maintains a power factor of 0.88944 or higher.

With the Bulk metering system in place, the University through the Estates and Works Department will be responsible for reading all individual meters and generating individual bills for the respective premises within the Main Campus. We will therefore be able to manage, monitor and measure our power consumption and therefore pay for only the energy we use.

I therefore thank the Management of UMEME for the cooperation and timely intervention.

We build for the future.

Sincerely, Dr. S.S. Tickodri-Togboa (Acting Vice Chancellor)