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# Sonelgaz pressurises Zéralda-Bouzaréah gas pipeline

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Sonelgaz has completed pressurisation of the Zéralda-Bouzaréah gas pipeline, marking a key operational milestone in securing gas supply to the western districts of Algiers. The pressurisation phase confirms the pipeline is mechanically ready and gas-tight ahead of full commissioning, moving the infrastructure from construction into active service status.

The Zéralda-Bouzaréah corridor connects two suburban zones on the western edge of the Algerian capital, and the pipeline is intended to reinforce distribution capacity in an area that has faced supply constraints. Sonelgaz, the Algerian national energy group responsible for gas and electricity transmission and distribution, described the pressurisation as a crucial step in its programme to harden urban energy security across greater Algiers.

The completion of pressurisation does not yet represent full commercial operation, but it is a late-stage technical benchmark — typically the final major test before a pipeline is handed over to operations. For Sonelgaz, the milestone reflects an ongoing capital expenditure cycle aimed at upgrading Algeria's domestic gas grid, which feeds both residential consumers and industrial customers in the capital region. Algeria holds some of the largest proven gas reserves on the African continent and has historically prioritised domestic distribution infrastructure alongside its export pipeline network.

No contract values, pipeline diameter, length, or capacity figures were disclosed in the available information. The project appears to be executed within Sonelgaz's

internal engineering and construction programme, though the identity of any external contractors or equipment suppliers involved has not been stated. The timeline for full commercial gas flow through the Zéralda-Bouzaréah pipeline has also not been confirmed publicly at this stage.

## Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a domestic gas distribution pipeline now in late-stage commissioning — no open tender, procurement process, or contractor opportunity is indicated in the available information. Norwegian pipeline integrity, metering, and valve technology suppliers should monitor Sonelgaz's broader capital expenditure pipeline for future procurement rounds, and consider relationship-building with Sonelgaz's engineering and procurement divisions as the national grid upgrade programme continues.

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- **Pipeline:** Monitor Sonelgaz for future tenders covering pipeline inspection, integrity management, or valve and metering equipment as the Algiers grid upgrade programme expands.
- **Service:** Commissioning and pre-operational testing services — including pressure testing equipment and leak detection systems — may be relevant to Sonelgaz's ongoing domestic infrastructure rollout.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No direct relevance to offshore segments at this stage; track for any downstream connection to Algeria's export infrastructure upgrades.

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