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Gaza Province greenlights \$126m solar plant for mining

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Mozambique's Gaza Province is moving forward with a \$126 million solar power plant intended to supply electricity to mining and mineral processing operations in the region. The project is being developed in partnership with Golden East Engineering and is designed to support heavy mineral sand operations in Chibuto as well as limestone processing facilities.

The initiative reflects a broader pattern across sub-Saharan Africa where mining-dependent regions are turning to dedicated power infrastructure to unlock stranded mineral value. Gaza Province holds significant heavy mineral sand deposits, and the absence of reliable grid power has historically constrained the scale and efficiency of extraction and processing. By anchoring a purpose-built solar facility to these specific industrial consumers, the province is attempting to make local mineral processing commercially viable rather than exporting raw ore for processing elsewhere.

The solar plant would reduce dependence on Mozambique's strained national grid, which has struggled to meet industrial demand even as the country prepares for large-scale LNG output from the north. For mining operators in Gaza, captive renewable power offers both cost predictability and the operational continuity required for continuous-process mineral separation plants, which are sensitive to power interruptions.

At \$126 million, the project represents a substantial commitment for a provincial-level initiative, and its execution will depend on Golden East Engineering securing financing, completing permitting, and delivering on an engineering and construction

timeline that has not yet been publicly detailed. The project is currently at MoU or partnership-agreement stage — no construction contract has been reported, and no financial close has been confirmed. Norwegian and international service companies should treat this as an early-stage infrastructure development to monitor rather than an active procurement opportunity.

For the broader Mozambique investment picture, Gaza Province's solar-mining integration effort adds to the country's profile as a destination with layered energy and resources activity — ranging from the Rovuma Basin LNG projects in the north to mineral sands and critical minerals development in the south. As power infrastructure improves in Gaza, the economics of scaling up heavy mineral extraction could attract further upstream and downstream investment, incrementally increasing the density of industrial activity that would require engineering, logistics, and technical service inputs.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This project is at an early partnership stage with no signed construction contract or open tender confirmed, so Norwegian service companies should monitor its progress rather than pursue procurement outreach. If the project reaches financial close and moves to EPC tendering, there could be opportunities for power systems suppliers and electrical infrastructure specialists within the broader Norwegian supply chain. Saga recommends tracking Golden East Engineering's financing milestones and any Mozambican government permitting announcements as indicators of when this becomes commercially actionable.

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- **Service:** Electrical and power systems integrators should monitor the EPC tender pipeline if the project reaches financial close, as large-scale captive industrial solar requires specialist balance-of-plant engineering.
- **Pipeline:** Mineral processing facilities of this scale require utilities infrastructure beyond power — water, process piping, and fluid handling — worth tracking as engineering scope is defined.

- **Drilling:** Expanded heavy mineral sand extraction in Chibuto, enabled by reliable power, could increase demand for ground investigation and extraction equipment services in Gaza Province.
- **LNG:** The contrast between southern Mozambique's mining-focused power needs and northern Mozambique's LNG corridor underscores the country's dual-track energy development, relevant for companies already positioned on Rovuma projects.

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