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Mozambique signs \$65m mineral processing MoU in Nacala

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Mozambique's government and Nacala Park Management Co., linked to Chinese group Jinan Yuxiao, have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a mineral processing industrial park in Nacala, with an initial projected investment of \$65 million. The MoU envisages four industrial processing units coming online from 2027, focused on the transformation of titanium, zirconium, hafnium, and graphite — minerals present in Mozambique's northern provinces and currently exported largely in raw form.

The initiative is positioned to add value to Mozambique's mineral export chain and reinforce the Nacala Corridor, the transport and logistics spine connecting northern Mozambique to landlocked markets in Malawi and Zambia. By processing critical minerals domestically rather than exporting unrefined ore, the project is intended to capture a greater share of value-added revenues and support the government's broader industrialisation agenda for the north of the country.

However, the project remains firmly in a preparatory phase. Approvals and licensing are still in progress, and no construction timeline or operational commitments have been confirmed beyond the 2027 indicative start date. The backdrop adds further caution: the Minheuene Industrial Free Zone, created fifteen years ago in the same region, remains underdeveloped — a reminder that industrial park ambitions in northern Mozambique have historically faced significant implementation gaps between announcement and execution.

For Norwegian service and infrastructure companies, the MoU stage calls for monitoring rather than procurement engagement. The mineral processing focus — titanium, zirconium, hafnium, graphite — sits adjacent to industrial infrastructure and bulk logistics rather than oil and gas directly, but the Nacala Corridor's development has knock-on relevance for energy logistics and project supply chains serving northern Mozambique's LNG hinterland. Companies with exposure to Mozambique's Cabo Delgado LNG projects should track whether this industrial park accelerates broader infrastructure investment in the north, which could affect port capacity, power supply, and contractor ecosystems relevant to energy operations.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an MoU at preparatory stage — no procurement outreach is appropriate yet. Norwegian companies with Mozambique exposure should monitor licensing progress and track whether the Nacala Corridor infrastructure build-out creates logistics or power supply opportunities adjacent to the LNG project ecosystem in the north. Relationship-building with the Nacala Special Economic Zone Authority and corridor stakeholders is the appropriate step at this stage.

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- **Pipeline:** Nacala Corridor infrastructure development could open pipeline and bulk fluid logistics opportunities if industrial park construction advances and triggers wider utility network investment.
- **LNG:** Monitor whether northern Mozambique industrialisation accelerates port and power infrastructure that improves logistics conditions for LNG project contractors operating out of Nacala.
- **Service:** Industrial mineral processing facilities require industrial gases, maintenance services, and HSE systems — track licensing progress for future service contracting opportunities from 2026 onward.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No direct subsea angle at this stage; relevance is indirect via Nacala port capacity improvements that could affect offshore supply chain routing for northern Mozambique operations.

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