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Angola mining sector headlines

Angola-Japan Business Forum

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Angola's mining sector took centre stage at the Angola-Japan Business Forum, where investment opportunities, a new mineral resources governance model, production diversification, and prospects for economic cooperation formed the core of discussions. The event was organised under the auspices of Angola's Ministry of Mineral Resources, Petroleum and Gas (MIREMPET), signalling the government's intent to position the mining sector as a pillar of economic diversification alongside hydrocarbons.

The forum brought together stakeholders from both countries to examine how Angola's mineral endowment can attract structured foreign capital. The new governance model for mineral resources was presented as a key enabler, designed to improve transparency, streamline licensing, and provide investors with greater regulatory certainty — elements that have historically constrained inbound investment in the sector. Production diversification was also highlighted, reflecting Angola's broader ambition to reduce fiscal dependency on oil revenues by monetising its mineral base more aggressively.

Economic cooperation perspectives between Angola and Japan were discussed at length, with both sides exploring frameworks for technology transfer, financing, and offtake arrangements. Japan's strategic interest in securing critical mineral supply chains — driven by its clean-energy manufacturing base and industrial demand — makes Angola a logical partner given the country's reported deposits of minerals relevant to battery and technology supply chains. The forum did not, however, result in the announcement of any signed agreements, awarded blocks, or ratified

contracts; the discussions remain at the level of dialogue and prospective cooperation.

For energy and resources service companies tracking Angola, this forum represents an early-stage signal rather than an actionable procurement opportunity. The emphasis on governance reform and investment facilitation suggests Angola is in a regulatory preparation phase, building the institutional architecture needed to attract capital before formal licensing rounds are launched. Norwegian companies with exposure to resource extraction infrastructure, logistics, and project services should register the direction of travel and identify local partners and government counterparts now, ahead of any formal tender or licensing activity that may follow.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This forum marks an early-stage policy and investment-dialogue moment — no contracts, tenders, or FIDs have been announced. Norwegian service companies with mining-adjacent capabilities (drilling, subsurface characterisation, logistics, or environmental services) should monitor MIREMPET communications and consider relationship-building with Angolan government counterparts and Japanese trading houses active in Angola. Outreach to procurement is premature; the priority is positioning ahead of any formal licensing round or infrastructure tender that may emerge from this governance reform process.

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- **Drilling:** Monitor MIREMPET for future mineral exploration licensing rounds where drilling services — including core drilling and geotechnical work — may be tendered.
- **Service:** Norwegian environmental and geoscience consultancies can offer feasibility, resource assessment, and governance advisory services aligned with Angola's new mineral resources management model.
- **Pipeline:** Infrastructure development for new mining operations typically requires slurry or product transport solutions; track project announcements for early pipeline or logistics tender opportunities.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Indirect relevance only — if offshore mineral extraction (e.g. seabed resources) features in future Angolan strategy, subsea technology providers should be positioned for early dialogue.

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