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Aquaterra delivers Emadeb Nigeria subsea template in 6 months

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Aquaterra Energy has designed and built a subsea template for Emadeb Energy's offshore Nigeria platform in six months, enabling drilling operations to begin while the topside platform remains under fabrication. The fast-track delivery compresses the traditional development timeline by decoupling the drilling programme from platform completion, a sequencing approach that allows the operator to advance subsea work in parallel rather than waiting for full surface infrastructure to be in place.

The subsea template serves as the foundation for well connections on the seabed, and its early installation means Emadeb Energy can mobilise a drilling rig and begin well operations ahead of the platform arriving on location. This phased approach is particularly relevant in Nigeria's offshore environment, where schedule certainty and capital efficiency remain persistent priorities for smaller independent operators such as Emadeb.

Aquaterra Energy's role combined design and build within the same six-month window, a scope that demonstrates the growing appetite among Nigerian independents for integrated engineering and fabrication services that reduce coordination risk between multiple contractors. The article does not specify water depth, block designation, contract value, or the fabrication yard used for the template.

Nigeria's offshore sector continues to attract independent operators seeking to develop stranded or underexploited accumulations, and service delivery models that

compress pre-production timelines are increasingly competitive differentiators. For Norwegian oil and gas service companies, the Emadeb project illustrates a pattern worth tracking: smaller Nigerian operators are commissioning discrete, fast-track subsea and structural packages rather than full-field EPC contracts, which opens space for specialist suppliers who can move quickly and absorb design-to-delivery risk.

The project does not yet represent a fully sanctioned multi-well development or an open procurement round, so the immediate commercial window for new entrants is limited. However, as the platform fabrication progresses toward completion and drilling results become available, follow-on scopes — including wellhead equipment, production systems, and potential riser or mooring work — could become live procurement opportunities. Norwegian companies with subsea structural, template, or wellhead expertise should monitor Emadeb's development cadence and establish early visibility with the operator.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a single awarded and delivered package rather than an open tender, so the direct procurement window has passed. Norwegian subsea structural and wellhead suppliers should monitor the project for follow-on scopes as the platform fabrication completes and production system requirements are confirmed. Establishing early contact with Emadeb Energy and tracking the operator's next development phase is the appropriate action at this stage.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Subsea template and structural suppliers can position for follow-on wellhead, manifold, or riser scopes as Emadeb's platform nears completion and field development expands.
- **Drilling:** Drilling is already being fast-tracked ahead of platform installation, signalling an active rig programme where Norwegian drilling services and well-engineering firms could engage Emadeb directly.
- **Service:** Aquaterra's integrated design-and-build model illustrates what Nigerian independents are buying — Norwegian engineering firms with fast-track fabrication

capability should benchmark and communicate similar propositions to emerging operators.

- **Pipeline:** As production approaches, infield flowline and tie-back scopes will arise; Norwegian pipeline and umbilical suppliers should map Emadeb's field layout once platform installation details become public.

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