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GasSync, NNPC Sign \$100m Nigeria SE Pipeline Deal

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GasSync Limited and NNPC Gas Marketing Limited have formally signed an investment agreement to develop a \$100 million, 400-kilometre gas distribution pipeline spanning Nigeria's five South-East states — Enugu, Anambra, Imo, Abia, and Ebonyi. The signing took place at the South-East Gas Infrastructure Investment and Project Development Ceremony in Enugu, marking the project's transition from planning into active investment and development phase.

The pipeline is designed to transport approximately 254 million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day, supplying commercial and industrial hubs including Aba, Nnewi, and Onitsha. Around 150 identified offtakers are earmarked to receive gas, spanning power plants, agro-processors, and major manufacturers such as Geometric Power. The core rationale is to displace diesel generation, which President Bola Tinubu — represented at the ceremony by Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu — described as an unsustainable cost burden on regional industry. "Businesses should not spend more on generating electricity than on expanding their operations," Tinubu stated.

To reduce the risk of phased construction delays across five states, project promoter Callistus Mba confirmed that civil works will begin simultaneously at two anchor hubs: Ohaji in Imo State and Onitsha in Anambra State. This parallel construction approach is intended to compress the delivery timeline and signal momentum to investors and offtakers across the corridor. The South-East Development Commission (SEDC) has committed an initial \$3 million to the project, with SEDC Managing Director Mark Okoye targeting up to \$30 million in total regional capital by leveraging contributions from state governments, financial institutions, and private

investors. Enugu State Governor Peter Mbah indicated that South-East governors would work to streamline permitting and right-of-way processes to support execution.

The \$100 million headline figure and the \$30 million SEDC-catalysed capital target suggest a blended public-private financing structure still being assembled. The instrument at this stage is a signed investment agreement — a meaningful step beyond an MoU, but short of a fully funded, contractor-procuring project. No EPC or construction contracts have been announced, and the full financing stack has not been closed. Norwegian service companies should treat this as a project entering its pre-FEED and financing consolidation window, rather than an active procurement cycle.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The project is at signed-agreement stage with financing still being assembled, so active procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian pipeline engineering, materials, and gas infrastructure service companies should monitor progress toward financial close and EPC tendering, which could emerge once the \$30 million regional capital target is secured. Relationship-building with GasSync Limited and NNPC Gas Marketing Limited now would position firms ahead of any contractor prequalification round.

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- **Pipeline:** A 400 km onshore gas distribution network built from two simultaneous construction hubs will require pipeline engineering, materials supply, and integrity management — monitor for EPC and materials tenders as financing closes.
- **LNG:** With 254 MMscfd of daily throughput targeted and 150 industrial offtakers identified, there may be downstream gas conditioning and metering scope relevant to gas processing specialists.
- **Service:** Dual-hub simultaneous construction across five states creates demand for project management, logistics, and commissioning services; firms with West Africa onshore execution track records should begin mapping local partner options.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** No offshore or subsea scope is indicated at this stage, but NNPC Gas Marketing Limited's involvement may open dialogue on broader Nigerian gas monetisation initiatives where offshore tie-ins are relevant.

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