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TotalEnergies sells Nigeria Renaissance stake for $800m

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TotalEnergies EP Nigeria (TEPNG) has completed the divestment of its 10% non-operated interest in the Renaissance JV licences to Vaaris for an aggregate consideration of US$800 million. The Sale and Purchase Agreement was signed on 14 January 2026, and the transaction has now closed, transferring a non-operated minority position from one of the world's largest international oil companies to Vaaris, a buyer whose profile signals continued private-capital appetite for Nigerian upstream assets.

The Renaissance JV is one of Nigeria's established licence groupings, and TotalEnergies' exit from a non-operated 10% slice is consistent with the major's broader portfolio rationalisation across the Niger Delta, where international operators have steadily trimmed legacy onshore and shallow-water exposure in favour of deepwater and lower-emission assets. At $800 million for a 10% non-operated interest, the implied valuation of the full JV is substantial, underscoring that the right Nigerian assets continue to command premium pricing despite the country's well-documented above-ground risk environment.

For Vaaris, the acquisition represents a material entry — or expansion — in Nigerian upstream. Non-operated positions of this size typically require the incoming partner to align with the operator on capital programmes, well workover schedules, and infrastructure maintenance, all of which generate service procurement cycles. The Renaissance licences encompass production and development activity that relies on a supply chain spanning wellhead equipment, flow-line integrity, and produced-fluid handling.

The completion of this SPA-to-close transaction means the ownership structure of the Renaissance JV has formally changed. Nigerian upstream JVs of this type routinely contract for drilling campaigns, well-intervention services, pipeline inspection and repair, and — where offshore infrastructure is involved — subsea engineering and marine support. New entrants with freshly acquired stakes often commission independent technical audits, production optimisation studies, and asset integrity reviews as part of their onboarding process, creating near-term advisory and services demand.

For Norwegian service companies tracking West Africa, the change in JV ownership is a monitoring signal rather than an immediate procurement trigger. Vaaris will need time to embed itself in the operating rhythm of the Renaissance consortium before new contracting cycles open. However, establishing early visibility with Vaaris' technical and supply-chain teams — particularly given the scale of the asset and the $800 million commitment — is a logical preparatory step. Companies active in well services, flow assurance, and integrity management should note the new ownership configuration and map their existing Renaissance JV relationships accordingly.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a completed asset transfer — a signed and closed SPA — which means the new owner Vaaris will soon initiate technical due-diligence follow-through and potentially new contracting cycles for well services, integrity management, and subsea or pipeline support across the Renaissance JV licences. Norwegian service companies should prioritise early relationship-building with Vaaris' technical and procurement teams rather than pursuing active tender outreach at this stage, as contracting cycles typically lag ownership changes by six to eighteen months. Companies with existing Renaissance JV exposure should update their stakeholder maps immediately to reflect the ownership shift.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** If Renaissance JV infrastructure includes offshore or shallow-water tiebacks, Vaaris' entry creates an opening for subsea integrity assessments and brownfield engineering studies from a new decision-maker.

- **Drilling:** New JV partners typically review well inventories and workover queues; Norwegian drilling contractors and well-service firms should position with Vaaris' technical team ahead of any revised development drilling programme.
- **Pipeline:** Renaissance JV flow lines and trunk pipelines will require ongoing inspection and corrosion management — Vaaris will need to validate the asset condition independently, creating demand for pipeline integrity specialists.
- **Service:** Post-acquisition technical audits and production optimisation studies are standard practice for a new $800 million stakeholder; Norwegian engineering consultancies can offer independent reservoir and facility reviews to Vaaris early in the ownership cycle.

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