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TotalEnergies closes $800m Nigeria stake sale to Vaaris

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TotalEnergies has completed the sale of its 10% non-operated interest in oil licences held by Nigeria's Renaissance joint venture to Vaaris, for a total consideration of $800 million. The transaction, which has now been formally closed, marks a further step in TotalEnergies' strategic reshaping of its Nigerian onshore and shallow-water portfolio, consistent with a broader industry trend of international majors divesting legacy Nigerian positions to local and emerging-market operators.

The divested interest is a 10% non-operated stake, meaning TotalEnergies held no operational control over the licences in question. Vaaris, the acquiring entity, steps into that minority position within the Renaissance joint venture structure. The article does not specify the individual licence blocks covered by the transaction, their location classification, or the production volumes attributable to the 10% interest, so those details should not be assumed.

For the Nigerian upstream landscape, the deal continues a pattern of asset transfers from established European majors toward new entrants. Renaissance, as the operating entity, retains control over field development decisions, procurement, and contracting activity. The completion of a transaction at $800 million signals that, despite Nigeria's well-documented fiscal and security challenges, buyer appetite for established Nigerian production positions remains credible at the right price and structure.

From a supply-chain perspective, the ownership change does not automatically trigger new project activity or procurement cycles. However, transitions of this kind

frequently prompt incoming shareholders to review existing service contracts, assess development plans, and engage with the operator on capital programme priorities. Vaaris, as a new minority partner, may seek to understand and influence the Renaissance joint venture's forward work programme, which could in time affect contracting decisions across drilling, well services, and surface infrastructure.

Norwegian service companies should treat this as a monitoring and relationship-building moment rather than an immediate commercial opportunity. The signed and completed nature of the equity transfer is confirmed, but no new field development decision, tender, or capital commitment has been announced in connection with it. The relevant next step is to track whether the Renaissance joint venture publishes any updated field development or drilling programme in the wake of the ownership change, and to engage with both Renaissance as operator and Vaaris as an active new stakeholder ahead of any future procurement cycle.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a completed equity transfer, not an FID or open tender, so immediate procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian service companies — particularly those active in well services, drilling support, and subsea tie-back work in Nigeria — should monitor Renaissance's forward work programme for any development acceleration triggered by the new ownership structure. Building relationships with Vaaris as an emerging Nigerian asset holder is the priority action at this stage.

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- **Drilling:** Track Renaissance joint venture's drilling programme for any uptick in well activity following Vaaris's entry as a financially committed minority partner.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Monitor whether the ownership change prompts Renaissance to advance any stalled subsea tie-back or FPSO-related development decisions on the licences covered by the deal.
- **Well Services:** Vaaris's arrival may lead to a review of existing well services contracts within the Renaissance JV, creating an opening for Norwegian providers to position ahead of any retendering.

- **Pipeline:** Legacy Nigerian JV licences often carry deferred pipeline integrity and flow-assurance work; a new shareholder review could bring these scopes back into active planning.

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