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ExxonMobil Plans Substantial Gas Output From Nigeria's Owowo and Bosi Fields

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ExxonMobil is planning to extract a significant volume of gas alongside oil when it develops its Owowo and Bosi fields offshore Nigeria, according to Africa Oil+Gas Report. The development sanctions for both fields are anticipated, signalling that the projects are moving toward final investment decision territory. The explicit inclusion of gas as a core output — not merely an associated byproduct — marks a notable strategic dimension to these developments.

Owowo and Bosi represent two of the more closely watched deepwater Nigerian assets in ExxonMobil's portfolio. The operator's stated intent to exploit gas volumes deliberately, rather than simply managing associated gas as a processing challenge, suggests that monetisation pathways for the gas component are being factored into the field development plans from an early stage. This could involve domestic gas supply commitments, LNG offtake arrangements, or gas reinjection strategies, though the article does not specify the exact route.

Nigeria's upstream sector has long grappled with the tension between oil production targets and responsible gas handling. Regulatory pressure to eliminate routine flaring and the commercial pull of both the domestic gas market and LNG export capacity have increasingly pushed operators to treat gas as a revenue stream rather than a cost centre. ExxonMobil's approach to Owowo and Bosi appears aligned with this direction, though the scale and timing of gas infrastructure investment will depend on the final development concepts approved at sanction.

The pending sanctions for both fields place them at a critical juncture. Once approved, development programmes will trigger substantial procurement and

contracting activity across subsea systems, floating production infrastructure, drilling campaigns, and gas handling facilities. For international service companies, the pre-sanction period is precisely when early engagement with the operator and its engineering contractors yields the best positioning for subsequent bid rounds.

Norwegian service companies with established Nigerian operations or relationships with ExxonMobil's global supply chain should treat the Owowo and Bosi developments as active monitoring priorities. The gas output dimension adds complexity — and commercial opportunity — beyond a straightforward oil-focused FPSO and subsea tie-back programme. Gas compression, processing modules, potential pipeline or export infrastructure, and subsurface well design for gas-bearing reservoirs all represent areas where Norwegian technical depth is competitive.

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Norwegian service companies should move beyond passive monitoring and engage proactively with ExxonMobil's procurement and engineering teams as both fields approach sanction, since the gas output dimension widens the scope of services required. Firms in subsea, FPSO topsides, gas processing, and well services should assess whether existing Nigerian entities or alliance structures provide competitive access to these bid rounds.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Gas-focused topsides and subsea compression equipment will be central to the development concept — Norwegian FPSO and subsea contractors should engage early with ExxonMobil's FEED teams to position for fabrication and installation scopes.
- **LNG:** If gas monetisation involves LNG offtake or liquefaction tie-ins, Norwegian LNG technology and process engineering firms have a credible entry point during concept selection.
- **Drilling:** Sanctions for Owowo and Bosi will trigger multi-well drilling campaigns, creating rig demand and well services opportunities for Norwegian drilling contractors and specialist service providers active in Nigerian deepwater.

- **Pipeline:** Gas export or reinjection infrastructure could require subsea pipeline and flowline scopes where Norwegian pipeline contractors and coating specialists can compete.
- **Service:** Well integrity, gas processing optimisation, and reservoir management services will be needed throughout the production lifecycle — Norwegian well services companies should map their Nigeria-qualified personnel and equipment against anticipated demand.

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