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Dangote breaks ground on $2.5bn Namibia pipeline

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Dangote Industries Limited has launched construction of the Dangote Namibia Oil Pipeline and Fuel Storage Project, a $2.5 billion development based in Walvis Bay, Namibia. The project was officially initiated on 4 November 2026 and represents one of the largest petroleum infrastructure investments announced in Southern Africa in recent years.

The development combines a large-scale fuel storage terminal with a proposed pipeline network, with the stated aim of expanding petroleum storage and distribution capacity across the Southern Africa region. Walvis Bay, Namibia's principal deep-water port and a key logistics hub for landlocked neighbouring countries, provides the geographic foundation for a project designed to serve markets beyond Namibia's own borders.

Dangote Industries Limited, the Nigerian conglomerate led by Aliko Dangote, has in recent years pursued significant downstream and midstream energy infrastructure across Africa, most prominently through its Lekki-based refinery in Nigeria. The Namibia project extends that strategic push southward, targeting a region that remains heavily dependent on imported refined products transported over long overland distances. A dedicated fuel storage terminal at Walvis Bay, coupled with pipeline connectivity, could materially reduce distribution costs and transit times for landlocked markets such as Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and potentially the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The article does not specify the precise pipeline routing, the storage capacity in cubic metres or barrels, the number of kilometres of pipe to be laid, construction contractor identities, or the financing structure underpinning the $2.5 billion figure. It also does not confirm whether the pipeline component has reached a fully sanctioned stage or remains a proposed element within a broader development framework. The distinction matters: the fuel storage terminal appears to be entering active construction, while the pipeline network is described as proposed.

For the regional energy market, the project addresses a structural gap. Southern Africa's fuel supply chain relies heavily on South African refineries and long-haul road transport, a system exposed to price volatility, logistical bottlenecks and infrastructure constraints. A terminal and pipeline system anchored at Walvis Bay would introduce a new supply corridor, potentially reshaping procurement patterns for national oil companies and private distributors across the subregion. The scale of the investment, if fully realised, would rank among the most significant midstream infrastructure additions Southern Africa has seen in a generation.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The project is in early construction phase with contractors not yet publicly named; Norwegian pipeline and terminal engineering firms should monitor procurement announcements closely and initiate relationship-building with Dangote Industries' project development teams. As detailed engineering and EPC contract packages are defined, pipeline construction specialists and tank terminal technology providers will find the most direct entry points. No procurement outreach is warranted until contract packages are formally tendered.

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- **Pipeline:** Monitor for EPC and pipe-lay contract packages as routing and engineering details are confirmed for the proposed pipeline network.
- **Service:** Terminal design, metering, and flow assurance engineering services will be required as the Walvis Bay storage facility moves through detailed design.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** If the pipeline corridor includes any marine or nearshore sections at Walvis Bay port, subsea tie-in and marine spread expertise may be relevant at the FEED stage.
- **LNG:** Watch whether the terminal scope expands to include LNG or gas infrastructure as Namibia's upstream offshore discoveries progress toward production.

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