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Chevron's $690m Aseng Gas Project Targets 2028 Production with EnerMech Pipeline Contract

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Chevron has awarded EnerMech a contract for specialist pre-commissioning services on a 19-kilometre rigid production flowline at the Aseng gas field development offshore Equatorial Guinea, part of a broader $690 million project that is expected to sustain the country's LNG exports through the mid-2030s. The flowline will directly connect the offshore Aseng field to existing regional infrastructure, enabling the transport of subsea natural gas and monetising reserves that feed into Equatorial Guinea's established processing and export complex on Bioko Island. Chevron expects gas production to begin in 2028, with development drilling planned for early 2027.

EnerMech's scope covers pre-operational engineering, comprehensive project management, and specialist pre-commissioning procedures for the pipeline system. Pre-commissioning work of this nature typically encompasses pressure testing, cleaning, drying, and inerting of pipeline systems to ensure integrity and operational readiness before hydrocarbons are introduced. Project operations will be directed from EnerMech's headquarters in Houston, with specialist pipeline engineering capabilities deployed alongside established pre-commissioning methodologies to oversee subsea installation and safe execution.

The contract marks an expansion of an existing relationship between EnerMech and Chevron. Charles "Chuck" Davison Jr., chief executive officer of EnerMech, noted that while EnerMech has supported Chevron on projects across other parts of its business

for many years, this award brings that relationship into the Pipelines & Subsea division for the first time. The statement signals that Chevron views EnerMech as a trusted partner with the capability to deliver across a broader range of asset lifecycle services in the region.

Equatorial Guinea has been actively working to extend the productive life of its offshore gas fields and to sustain feed gas volumes for the Punta Europa LNG and methanol complex. The Aseng project, with its $690 million capital commitment and clear timeline anchored by a 2028 first-gas target, represents a significant near-term investment in that strategy. The 19km flowline, by integrating the field with existing regional subsea assets, is designed to maximise the functional lifespan and commercial value of established infrastructure — a strategy consistent with the government's broader push to encourage operators to accelerate development timelines and unlock additional gas resources through existing processing capacity.

For pipeline and subsea service companies active in West and Central Africa, the Aseng project illustrates the type of scope — subsea flowline pre-commissioning combined with engineering and project management — that is emerging as operators optimise existing infrastructure rather than develop greenfield systems. With development drilling scheduled for early 2027 and first gas targeted in 2028, the project now has a defined execution schedule that will drive procurement activity across multiple service categories over the next two years. The award also confirms that Houston-based project management structures are being used to coordinate regional West African offshore work, an organisational model that has implications for how international service providers approach business development in this market.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The confirmed $690 million project value and defined 2027-2028 execution schedule give Norwegian pipeline and subsea service companies a clear window to pursue subcontract opportunities within EnerMech's supply chain, particularly for specialised pre-commissioning equipment and engineering support ahead of the drilling campaign. The scale of the investment and the mid-2030s production horizon suggest follow-on integrity, inspection, and commissioning scopes are likely as the flowline enters service. Norwegian companies with established ties to EnerMech or Chevron's West Africa procurement teams should engage now to position ahead of the ramp-up in contracting activity expected through 2026 and 2027.

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- **Pipeline pre-commissioning specialists:** EnerMech's confirmed scope for cleaning, drying, pressure testing, and inerting the 19km subsea flowline creates direct subcontract opportunities for companies with certified pre-commissioning equipment and offshore deployment experience.
- **Subsea engineering and inspection firms:** With first gas targeted for 2028 and production expected to run through the mid-2030s, ongoing integrity management and inspection services will be required across the flowline lifecycle, representing a long-duration service opportunity.
- **Drilling services and well completion providers:** Development drilling planned for early 2027 creates a near-term demand window for well services, cementing, and completion equipment suppliers active in West and Central Africa.

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