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Mozambique plans Inhassoro regasification terminal by 2029

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Mozambique is planning to develop a regasification terminal at Inhassoro, in Inhambane province, alongside a gas pipeline linking the Port of Beira in Sofala province to the country's existing gas network, with infrastructure targeted for operation from 2029. The initiative is designed to expand domestic utilisation of Mozambique's natural gas resources for household, commercial, and industrial consumption.

The Inhassoro regasification terminal would serve as a new entry point for LNG into the domestic supply chain, converting liquefied gas back into pipeline-ready form for distribution. The planned pipeline connecting Beira port facilities to the existing network would extend the reach of gas infrastructure into Sofala province, a region that currently sits outside the primary gas corridor running from the northern Rovuma Basin fields toward the south.

Mozambique holds some of the largest proven natural gas reserves in sub-Saharan Africa, concentrated in the Rovuma Basin in Cabo Delgado province. However, domestic gas utilisation has historically lagged behind export ambitions, with large-scale LNG export projects — including TotalEnergies' Area 1 development, which remains suspended following a 2021 force majeure declaration — dominating the country's gas narrative. The new infrastructure plan signals a policy intent to redirect a portion of gas output toward in-country economic development.

The Beira pipeline integration component is particularly significant for central Mozambique, where industrial and port-related energy demand has not been served

by the existing gas grid. Beira is the country's second-largest city and a key logistics hub for landlocked southern African states, meaning gas connectivity there could support broader industrial and transit-related activity.

No contractor, project developer, or financing arrangement has been identified in publicly available information at this stage. The 2029 target horizon and the identification of Inhassoro and Beira as focal points represent the current extent of publicly confirmed project parameters. The initiative appears to be at an early planning or policy stage, and no procurement process, tender, or engineering study has been announced. Progress will depend on securing investment, resolving the broader security and commercial uncertainties that continue to affect Mozambique's gas sector, and aligning the project with any existing concession or regulatory framework governing domestic gas distribution.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an early-stage planning announcement with no procurement process underway; Norwegian service companies with midstream, pipeline, or regasification competencies should monitor for project development milestones, regulatory approvals, and EPC tender announcements before any outreach. Relationship-building with Mozambican energy authorities and domestic gas distributors is appropriate at this stage to position ahead of a potential tender cycle post-2026.

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- **LNG:** Regasification terminal at Inhassoro represents a potential future scope for LNG receiving and processing technology providers once project structure and procurement are confirmed.
- **Pipeline:** The Beira pipeline integration offers a future opportunity for pipeline engineering, supply, and installation companies, subject to project sanctioning and EPC tender launch.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If the regasification terminal involves a floating storage and regasification unit rather than an onshore facility, FSRU design and mooring competencies could become relevant — monitor project specifications.

- **Service:** Early-stage project development services, including FEED, environmental assessment support, and feasibility work, may be procured before 2027 — watch for consultancy tenders from Mozambican energy authorities.

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