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ROMPCO and ENH sign MoU on Mozambique LNG import route

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ROMPCO and Mozambican state energy company ENH have signed a memorandum of understanding to assess the feasibility of an LNG import project running from Inhassoro to Beira in Mozambique. The MoU marks the opening of a formal evaluation phase; no investment decision or contract has been concluded at this stage.

The proposed project would establish an LNG import corridor along Mozambique's central coast, connecting the Inhassoro area to the port city of Beira. Beira is a significant commercial and industrial hub, and improved gas supply infrastructure to the city could support industrial energy demand, power generation, and downstream distribution. The specific scope of infrastructure under consideration — including whether the project would involve floating storage and regasification units, onshore terminal facilities, or pipeline components — has not been disclosed at this stage of assessment.

ROMPCO, the Rompco pipeline company that operates the natural gas transmission system between Mozambique and South Africa, brings gas transport expertise to the partnership. ENH, Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos, is Mozambique's national hydrocarbons company and holds a central role in the country's upstream and midstream energy development. The combination of a transmission operator and a national oil company in a joint feasibility assessment reflects a structured approach to determining commercial and technical viability before any capital commitment is made.

Mozambique has long been positioned primarily as an LNG exporter, with major offshore gas discoveries underpinning projects led by TotalEnergies and Eni in the Rovuma Basin in the country's north. However, domestic energy access and industrial gas supply remain challenges in central and southern parts of the country. An LNG import facility in the Beira corridor would represent a distinct infrastructure logic — importing gas to serve inland and coastal demand rather than exporting it — and signals growing recognition that Mozambique's internal energy needs require dedicated solutions separate from the large-scale export projects.

The Inhassoro-to-Beira route follows a central coastal axis and may draw on existing or planned gas infrastructure in the region, though specific alignment details have not been confirmed in available reporting. The feasibility study process initiated under this MoU will determine whether the project advances toward a more binding commercial or investment framework. Until that assessment is complete and a subsequent agreement or decision is reached, the project remains at an early evaluation stage.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an MoU-stage feasibility assessment; no procurement or tendering activity is imminent. Norwegian service companies with LNG terminal, FSRU, or midstream pipeline expertise should monitor the project's progression and consider early engagement with ENH and ROMPCO to position for the feasibility study phase and any subsequent FEED or EPC processes.

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- **LNG:** FSRU and regasification technology providers should track the feasibility study outcome, as terminal configuration decisions will be made in the next phase.
- **Pipeline:** If the project includes a gas transmission component from Inhassoro to Beira, pipeline engineering and inspection services may be required at FEED stage.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Depending on terminal siting, nearshore or marine import infrastructure could require subsea tie-in or mooring expertise — worth monitoring as scope is defined.

- **Service:** Early-stage advisory and feasibility support firms can position now through ENH or ROMPCO relationship-building ahead of any formal procurement.

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