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Rompco targets 2027 Mozambique LNG terminal deal

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South African gas pipeline operator Rompco expects to finalise an agreement for a new LNG terminal involving Mozambique by January 2027, according to a Bloomberg report cited by Newsquawk. The disclosure marks one of the more concrete timelines to emerge from the broader effort to develop LNG export and regasification infrastructure linking southern Africa's gas-rich Mozambican basin to regional demand centres.

Rompco operates the pipeline that transports natural gas from Mozambique's Temane field to South Africa, making the company a structurally logical party to any infrastructure arrangement that expands the cross-border gas value chain. The addition of an LNG terminal would represent a significant step beyond the existing pipeline system, potentially enabling seaborne LNG imports, exports, or both, depending on the terminal's configuration and commercial purpose.

The article does not specify the terminal's location, proposed capacity, ownership structure, capital expenditure estimate, or which other parties — government entities, IOCs, or financiers — are involved in the negotiations. The instrument at this stage is described as a forthcoming agreement, meaning no heads of terms, MoU, or contract has yet been signed. The January 2027 deadline refers to the anticipated finalisation of that agreement, not to a final investment decision or construction timeline.

Mozambique remains one of sub-Saharan Africa's most closely watched gas provinces, with multi-trillion cubic feet reserves in the Rovuma Basin underpinning

both onshore LNG megaprojects and a pipeline export system already in commercial operation. Progress on new LNG-linked infrastructure, even at the pre-agreement stage, signals continued commercial intent to monetise the country's gas resources through diversified routes to market. Regional energy security considerations — particularly South Africa's power and gas supply constraints — provide an additional commercial rationale for accelerating such infrastructure development.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a pre-agreement development; Norwegian service companies should monitor progress and begin relationship-mapping with Rompco and any Mozambican counterparts rather than pursuing procurement outreach. When the agreement is finalised and project scope is defined, LNG terminal construction typically triggers early FEED and EPCI tendering where Norwegian contractors have established track records. The January 2027 agreement milestone provides a horizon for timing introductory engagement.

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- **LNG:** Monitor Rompco's agreement process for LNG terminal FEED and EPC scope; position ahead of tender release once agreement is signed in 2027.
- **Pipeline:** Any LNG terminal tied to the Mozambique–South Africa corridor may require new pipeline tie-ins or compression upgrades — scope to watch as project definition matures.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If the terminal involves offshore or nearshore components, subsea installation and marine infrastructure suppliers should track project structure as it emerges post-agreement.
- **Service:** Early-stage project development services — feasibility, FEED support, HSE consultancy — may become relevant once the agreement is finalised and project sponsors are confirmed.

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