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AKK Pipeline completion to expand Nigeria gas supply

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The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd.) has stated that completing the mainline section of the Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano (AKK) Gas Pipeline will significantly improve gas availability across Northern Nigeria, with a specific focus on expanding compressed natural gas (CNG) supply in the region.

The AKK Gas Pipeline is a major domestic gas infrastructure project linking Ajaokuta in Kogi State through Kaduna to Kano in Northern Nigeria. NNPC Ltd., as the national oil company and project proponent, has linked the pipeline's completion directly to the country's broader push to monetise domestic gas resources and shift industrial and transport consumers away from more expensive or less reliable fuel sources toward CNG.

Nigeria has been accelerating efforts to deepen gas utilisation within its borders as part of its Decade of Gas initiative, which seeks to convert stranded or underutilised gas reserves into economic activity, reduce energy poverty, and develop downstream gas markets. The AKK corridor represents one of the most significant pieces of gas transmission infrastructure in the country's north, a region that has historically had limited access to piped natural gas compared to the southern producing states.

CNG as a vehicle and industrial fuel has gained renewed policy attention in Nigeria following the removal of petrol subsidies, which pushed up transport fuel costs and created demand for cheaper alternatives. The AKK pipeline's mainline completion would allow gas to flow at scale to offtake points from which CNG mother stations

and distribution networks can be supplied, enabling the development of a more functional CNG market across the north.

NNPC Ltd. did not provide a confirmed completion date, contract award details, or project cost figures in the statement. The company framed the pipeline's progress as a key enabler of the government's gas-to-power and gas-to-industry agenda, without specifying which sections remain outstanding or what construction milestones have been reached. The status of the project, based on this statement, remains in the execution phase with NNPC Ltd. reaffirming its strategic importance rather than announcing a specific completion or commissioning event.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The AKK pipeline remains in execution phase with no procurement event announced in this article; Norwegian pipeline, compression and metering service companies should monitor NNPC Ltd. and its contractors for upcoming lateral, offtake and CNG station tenders as the mainline nears completion. Relationship-building with NNPC Ltd.'s gas directorate and existing AKK EPC contractors is the appropriate step at this stage.

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- **Pipeline:** Monitor for lateral connection and offtake infrastructure tenders as the AKK mainline advances toward completion.
- **LNG:** CNG mother-station and compression package opportunities may arise for suppliers with small-scale gas processing and dispensing expertise.
- **Service:** Pipeline integrity, inspection and metering services will be required at offtake points once the mainline is commissioned — track NNPC Ltd. procurement notices.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance; monitor for any associated upstream gas supply tie-in works linked to AKK feedstock sources.

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