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IQIP to supply Waterhammer spread for Mozambique LNG ultra deepwater works

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IQIP has been contracted to supply a Waterhammer spread for the Mozambique LNG ultra deepwater project, according to reporting from LNG Industry. The Dutch foundation and installation specialist, which provides services including pile driving, vibro installation, and noise mitigation for offshore and nearshore structures, has now had its scope of work partially clarified — a Waterhammer spread is specialised equipment used to control pressure surges during pipeline filling and hydrotesting operations, typically deployed in demanding deepwater subsea environments.

The Mozambique LNG project, anchored in the Cabo Delgado province in the country's north, represents a major liquefied natural gas export initiative targeting Asian and European buyers. The ultra deepwater designation in the latest reporting underscores the technical complexity of the offshore infrastructure component, with the Rovuma Basin fields lying in water depths that demand specialised marine and subsea installation capability. The confirmation of a Waterhammer spread supply points specifically to subsea pipeline commissioning activity, suggesting that offshore infrastructure works are progressing beyond early-stage civil or structural installation.

The project has faced well-documented security challenges and construction suspensions in recent years. TotalEnergies, the project operator, declared force majeure on the development in 2021 following an insurgent attack on the nearby town of Mocímboa da Praia, suspending work. Subsequent security improvements

and military interventions by regional forces have created conditions that have allowed select contractors and vendors to re-engage with the project. The IQIP award, now with a defined equipment scope, adds meaningful detail to the picture of a supply chain progressively remobilising around the development.

Mozambique holds some of the largest natural gas reserves discovered in Africa over the past two decades, with offshore Rovuma Basin resources underpinning multiple LNG export schemes. The identification of ultra deepwater pipeline commissioning work as an active scope — requiring pressure control and waterhammer mitigation technology — signals that the project is advancing into phases that will draw on a broad range of specialised subsea and offshore service providers. For companies tracking African LNG opportunity, the incremental re-engagement of technically specialised contractors across both nearshore and deepwater scopes is a notable market signal, indicating that procurement activity is broadening in both depth and complexity.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian companies with subsea pipeline commissioning, pressure control, and deepwater installation capabilities should treat this award as confirmation that Mozambique LNG procurement has reached technically advanced offshore scopes. The ultra deepwater designation opens opportunities for Norwegian subsea and marine technology firms beyond the nearshore civil works signalled by earlier contractor activity. Engaging with TotalEnergies' project procurement and EPCI contractors now — before major subsea installation campaigns are tendered — remains the advised approach.

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- **Subsea pipeline and commissioning technology companies:** The confirmed Waterhammer spread scope indicates active deepwater pipeline commissioning planning; Norwegian firms supplying pressure control, pigging, or hydrotesting services should identify the EPCI contractor and procurement contact.
- **Deepwater marine installation contractors:** Ultra deepwater scope confirmation expands the addressable market beyond nearshore works; companies with pipelay,

umbilical installation, or subsea structure installation assets should track upcoming tender activity closely.

- **LNG project supply chain advisors and agents:** The broadening of active scopes across both nearshore and deepwater phases suggests a supply chain mobilisation window; intermediaries with TotalEnergies or EPCI contractor relationships are well placed to facilitate introductions for Norwegian product and service firms.

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