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Mozambique revises Rovuma LNG terms, ENH gains more

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Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos (ENH), Mozambique's national oil company, has highlighted what it describes as significant national gains following an amendment to the Rovuma LNG project agreements, including a strengthened strategic participation stake for the state entity in the development.

ENH stated that the amendment to the Rovuma LNG framework improves terms for Mozambique across several dimensions of the project, though the specific financial and equity parameters of the revised arrangement were not detailed in the announcement. The national company emphasized that the changes reinforce the state's role not merely as a passive participant but as a more active strategic stakeholder in what is one of Africa's largest planned liquefied natural gas developments.

The Rovuma LNG project, anchored in the offshore Area 4 block in northern Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province, holds some of the largest natural gas discoveries made in Africa over the past two decades. The project has faced significant delays stemming from an insurgency in Cabo Delgado that forced TotalEnergies to declare force majeure in 2021, suspending onshore construction activities. Efforts to restore security conditions sufficient for a resumption of work have been ongoing, and project backers have been in discussions with the Mozambican government and international financiers about the path to restart.

The amendment highlighted by ENH appears to be part of broader renegotiation and restructuring discussions around the project's terms as stakeholders work toward a

potential resumption of construction. ENH's framing of the changes as a national gain suggests the revised agreement shifts a greater share of economic benefit or operational control toward the Mozambican state, a pattern increasingly seen in resource-rich African nations seeking to maximise in-country value from major hydrocarbon projects.

No specific timeline for a final investment decision restart or a resumption of onshore LNG plant construction was provided in connection with the announcement. The Rovuma LNG project, when operational, is designed to produce approximately 15.2 million tonnes per annum of LNG across two trains, with gas fed from the offshore Mamba field complex. ENH's renewed emphasis on its strengthened participation signals that the state intends to be a more visible and assertive partner as the project moves toward any future restart, with implications for how contractors, financiers, and service providers will need to engage with the Mozambican side of the joint venture structure going forward.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The Rovuma LNG renegotiation and ENH's strengthened role signal that the project's commercial and contractual architecture is being reset ahead of any restart — Norwegian subsea, FPSO, LNG and construction service companies should monitor the amended terms closely and begin or deepen relationship-building with both ENH and the Area 4 operator group, as a restart would trigger large procurement cycles across offshore, pipeline and onshore LNG scopes. No procurement outreach is warranted until a revised FID or formal tender is announced.

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- **LNG:** A restructured ENH participation may influence vendor qualification and local content requirements for LNG plant and liquefaction equipment supply when construction resumes.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Offshore gas gathering and subsea tie-back infrastructure for the Mamba field complex will be central scopes; monitor for revised FEED or EPCI tender signals as the restart process progresses.

- **Drilling:** Any project restart will require additional appraisal and development drilling campaigns; track rig requirement announcements from the Area 4 joint venture.
- **Pipeline:** Gas export pipeline and offshore trunkline scopes remain part of the Rovuma development; ENH's stronger role may affect how these contracts are structured and awarded.
- **Service:** Well services, marine logistics and construction support will be in demand once onshore works resume; build ENH and operator relationships now to position for prequalification.

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