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Zambia's Sinazeze Thermal Plant Targets 400 MW in Public-Private Partnership

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Zambia is advancing a significant addition to its power generation capacity through a partnership between the Ezra Group of Companies and state utility ZESCO to construct a thermal power plant in Sinazeze, Southern Province. The facility is designed to produce 400 megawatts of electricity, and construction is already underway, with Phase One currently in progress.

The project reflects a broader strategic push by Zambia to shore up its energy supply at a time when the country, like much of Sub-Saharan Africa, faces persistent electricity deficits that constrain economic growth and industrial output. Zambia has historically relied heavily on hydropower, making it vulnerable to drought cycles that reduce reservoir levels and curtail generation capacity. A thermal plant of this scale would provide a more weather-independent baseload alternative, diversifying the national energy mix and improving grid reliability.

The involvement of ZESCO — Zambia's dominant power utility — alongside a private-sector developer signals a public-private partnership structure, which has become an increasingly common model for large-scale infrastructure delivery across the region. Details on fuel source, technology type, financing arrangements, and the full phased timeline beyond Phase One have not been disclosed in available reporting, suggesting the project is still in relatively early stages of public communication.

For the broader Southern African energy market, a new 400 MW thermal facility in Zambia carries regional significance. Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) member states have been grappling with supply shortfalls, and incremental capacity additions in anchor economies like Zambia can ease cross-border trading imbalances.

Sinazeze's location in Southern Province also positions the plant within proximity of mining corridors, where industrial demand for reliable baseload power is particularly acute.

Phase One being underway indicates that site preparation and early civil works are progressing, though the timeline to first power and the sequencing of subsequent phases remain unclear from current reporting. Stakeholders monitoring the project should watch for engineering, procurement, and construction contract awards, fuel supply agreements, and grid connection specifications as the project matures.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian energy service companies should monitor this project for EPC and technical service opportunities as it moves beyond Phase One, particularly firms with thermal plant construction or power infrastructure expertise. The public-private structure and phased rollout suggest multiple procurement windows will emerge over time. Partners with financing relationships or track records in African power projects could also position early through ZESCO engagement.

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- **Service:** Engineering and project management firms can assess opportunities to support Phase One civil and mechanical works or bid on subsequent phases as scope is defined.
- **Pipeline:** Depending on fuel source — gas or liquid fuel — pipeline or fuel supply infrastructure contractors should track whether associated offtake logistics require dedicated supply infrastructure.
- **Drilling:** If the thermal plant is gas-fired, upstream gas supply developments in Zambia or neighbouring states could create well services demand worth monitoring alongside this project.
- **LNG:** Should Zambia pursue LNG or gas-to-power as the fuel basis for Sinazeze, Norwegian LNG supply chain and regasification specialists would be well placed to engage early with ZESCO and project developers.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage, but companies with African power sector relationships can use this development to open dialogue with ZESCO on future energy infrastructure needs.

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