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Baker Hughes Wins 13-Year Turbomachinery Contract at NLNG Bonny Island Facility

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Nigeria LNG (NLNG) has awarded Baker Hughes a 13-year contract to deliver comprehensive lifecycle services for turbomachinery at its liquefaction facility on Bonny Island, Nigeria. The long-term agreement underscores NLNG's commitment to sustained operational reliability at one of Africa's most significant LNG export hubs, and signals continued investment in the facility's long-term maintenance infrastructure.

The contract covers gas turbine services across the full equipment lifecycle, meaning Baker Hughes will be responsible for inspection, maintenance, repair, and likely performance optimisation of turbomachinery critical to the liquefaction process. A 13-year term is notably long even by LNG industry standards, reflecting both the complexity of the equipment involved and NLNG's strategic preference for stable, long-horizon service partnerships rather than short-cycle tendering.

Bonny Island remains the cornerstone of Nigeria's LNG export capacity, and turbomachinery reliability is central to maintaining production output and meeting offtake commitments. Unplanned outages on gas turbines driving compressor trains are among the most costly disruptions an LNG facility can face, making long-term service agreements with OEM-aligned providers a logical risk management tool for operators of NLNG's scale.

For the broader Nigerian energy services market, the award illustrates that major international operators continue to commit capital and long-term contractual

relationships to Nigerian LNG infrastructure despite the country's well-documented above-ground risks. It also reinforces the pattern of large OEMs — in this case Baker Hughes, with its established turbomachinery heritage — consolidating multi-year service positions at critical facilities, which can limit the window for third-party service providers unless they are positioned as subcontractors or specialists in complementary scopes.

The duration of the contract also has implications for workforce localisation requirements under Nigerian content regulations, as a 13-year engagement will almost certainly involve obligations around local hiring, training, and technology transfer — areas where international service companies operating in Nigeria must demonstrate credible compliance strategies to protect and retain long-term contract positions.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor this award as a signal that NLNG remains an active, long-term contracting environment worth maintaining relationships within — particularly for firms offering complementary maintenance, inspection, or specialist engineering services that could enter as subcontractors under Baker Hughes or in adjacent scopes not covered by this agreement. Companies with rotating equipment expertise or condition-monitoring technology should assess whether a subcontractor or technology-licensing angle exists. The 13-year horizon also means Norwegian firms with Nigerian content capabilities and local partnerships are better positioned than those without established in-country presence.

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- **LNG:** Firms offering specialist turbomachinery inspection or condition-monitoring technologies should explore subcontractor positioning under Baker Hughes or target adjacent maintenance scopes at Bonny Island not captured by this award.
- **Service:** Norwegian engineering and maintenance service companies with Nigerian content credentials should assess whether the 13-year contract creates subcontracting opportunities, particularly in non-OEM maintenance and technical staffing.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** FPSO and offshore facilities serving gas feedstock into Bonny Island may see increased operator focus on upstream reliability to match NLNG's downstream maintenance investment — a potential services opening.
- **Drilling:** Sustained NLNG operational investment signals continued gas production demand from upstream fields, supporting the case for ongoing well services and workover activity in the Niger Delta gas supply chain.
- **Pipeline:** Long-term facility commitments at Bonny Island reinforce the importance of reliable gas transmission infrastructure, keeping pipeline integrity and inspection services relevant for companies active in the Nigerian midstream.

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