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Zambia's 300 MW Sinazongwe Thermal Plant Nears Completion Under Presidential Assurance

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Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema has publicly committed to the completion of a 300-megawatt thermal power plant currently under construction in Sinazongwe District, Southern Province. Speaking directly to local residents during a community engagement visit, the President confirmed that developer Maamba Energy Limited is advancing the project, which is intended to help close the country's persistent power deficit. The presidential assurance signals strong political backing for the facility and underscores the urgency Lusaka attaches to resolving its electricity supply crisis.

Alongside the thermal plant, President Hichilema confirmed that an additional 100-megawatt solar facility is also planned for the area. The pairing of thermal baseload capacity with utility-scale solar reflects Zambia's broader strategy of diversifying its generation mix, which has historically been heavily dependent on hydropower. Prolonged droughts linked to El Niño conditions have severely curtailed output from the country's major hydroelectric stations in recent years, making alternative generation sources a national priority.

Sinazongwe District sits along the shores of Lake Kariba in Southern Province, placing the thermal plant in a region with existing energy infrastructure heritage. Maamba Energy Limited, the project developer, has been working on the facility for an extended period, and the President's public statement appears designed to reassure both local communities and investors that the project remains on track. No revised completion timeline was disclosed in the statement, but the political visibility

now attached to the project suggests commissioning is expected within a near-term horizon.

For the broader Zambian power sector, completing the Sinazongwe plant would represent a meaningful addition to national grid capacity at a time when load-shedding continues to affect households and industry alike. The combination of 300 MW of thermal generation and 100 MW of solar, if both are brought online, would constitute one of the more significant capacity injections the country has seen in recent years. Energy security has become a central theme in President Hichilema's administration, with multiple generation and transmission projects being accelerated across the country.

From an investment climate perspective, the presidential endorsement of a privately developed thermal project at Maamba is a positive signal for independent power producers and infrastructure investors active in Zambia. The country continues to seek both concessional and commercial financing for its energy buildout, and demonstrated political will at the highest level reduces perceived execution risk for prospective partners and lenders monitoring the market.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian energy service companies with exposure to thermal power plant construction, commissioning, or associated fuel supply logistics should monitor the Maamba Energy Limited project closely as it approaches final stages. While the article does not detail specific procurement needs, the completion phase of a 300 MW thermal facility typically generates demand for turbine servicing, instrumentation, electrical systems, and operations support — areas where Norwegian firms carry competitive expertise. Companies should engage through Maamba Energy Limited directly or track Zambia's energy ministry procurement notices to identify entry points.



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- **Service:** Commissioning and technical services firms can position for final-stage plant testing and handover support at the 300 MW Maamba thermal facility.
- **LNG:** If the thermal plant requires gas or liquid fuel supply infrastructure, Norwegian LNG and fuel logistics specialists may find a relevant upstream supply angle to explore with Maamba Energy Limited.
- **Pipeline:** Fuel delivery infrastructure connecting the Sinazongwe plant to supply sources could require pipeline or flow assurance engineering, warranting early monitoring by pipeline service companies.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No direct subsea angle exists here, but Norwegian firms with African power sector project finance relationships can use this development to open broader energy dialogue with Zambian stakeholders.
- **Drilling:** The 100 MW solar addition signals Zambia's openness to diversified energy investment, which drilling and well services firms with geothermal or energy transition portfolios may wish to track alongside thermal developments.

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