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Senegal Launches EPC Prequalification for Malicounda Power Plant Gas Pipeline

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Senegal's gas infrastructure build-out is advancing with a formal prequalification notice for an international Engineering, Procurement, and Construction tender covering a gas pipeline to the Malicounda power plant. The notice, reported by Africa Oil+Gas Report, signals that the project is moving into active procurement, inviting qualified contractors to submit credentials ahead of a full tender process.

The Malicounda pipeline is part of Senegal's broader ambition to develop a domestic gas network capable of channelling domestically produced gas into power generation and industrial use. Senegal has been working to monetise its gas resources following significant offshore discoveries in recent years, and infrastructure connecting supply to demand centres onshore is a critical missing link. A dedicated gas pipeline to a named power plant represents a concrete step toward that integration.

The EPC scope — covering engineering, procurement, and construction — is substantial and typically requires contractors with demonstrated experience in pipeline design, materials sourcing, and civil and mechanical construction in West African conditions. The international nature of the call for tenders opens the process to global contractors and their local partners, and the prequalification stage is designed to filter the field to those with relevant technical and financial capacity before the main competitive tender is issued.

For the broader regional energy market, the Malicounda project is a marker of Senegal's transition from exploration success to infrastructure delivery. Connecting

gas supply to power generation is essential if Senegal is to reduce its reliance on expensive liquid fuel generation and deliver on commitments to expand electricity access. The pipeline, once operational, would support stable fuel supply to the power plant and lay groundwork for further gas network extensions.

Norwegian and international service companies tracking West Africa should note that prequalification deadlines in African energy tenders can be tight, and early engagement — whether as lead bidders, subcontractors, or technology providers — is typically rewarded. Companies with pipeline construction credentials, particularly those experienced in West African regulatory and logistical environments, should assess whether to submit prequalification documents directly or identify a local or regional EPC partner through whom to participate. The tender timeline beyond prequalification has not yet been disclosed, but monitoring the next stage for bid issuance will be important for those who qualify.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian pipeline and subsea engineering companies with onshore or near-shore pipeline construction capabilities should evaluate this prequalification opportunity directly or through a West African EPC partner. Service companies in materials supply, corrosion protection, or pipeline inspection may find subcontractor roles as the project advances to full tender. Saga recommends clients register interest now and monitor the tender timeline closely given the project's clear procurement momentum.



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- **Pipeline:** EPC-qualified pipeline contractors should assess prequalification submission for the Malicounda gas pipeline, which represents a direct bidding opportunity in an active West African gas infrastructure market.

- **Service:** Specialist pipeline inspection, coating, and integrity management firms can position as subcontractors to the eventual EPC winner, making early relationship-building with shortlisted contractors worthwhile.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Companies with offshore-to-onshore tie-in experience may find relevance if the pipeline has any coastal or nearshore routing components, though the full scope has not yet been detailed.
- **LNG:** Gas handling and metering technology providers should monitor whether the pipeline specification includes gas conditioning or pressure regulation infrastructure at the Malicounda delivery point.

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