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ExxonMobil Commits \$1.1 Billion in Pre-FID Contracts for Mozambique Rovuma LNG

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ExxonMobil has awarded approximately \$1.1 billion in pre-investment decision (pre-FID) contracts covering critical long-lead equipment for the first phase of the Rovuma LNG project in Mozambique. The move signals meaningful commercial momentum for one of Sub-Saharan Africa's most significant and long-delayed LNG developments, even as a final investment decision has not yet been taken.

Pre-FID contract awards of this scale are typically used to secure equipment and services with extended manufacturing and delivery timelines, allowing project developers to compress the schedule between FID and first production once financing and regulatory conditions are satisfied. By committing \$1.1 billion at this stage, ExxonMobil is demonstrating sufficient confidence in the project's trajectory to begin binding commercial engagements with major vendors and contractors — a material step beyond study and FEED activity.

Rovuma LNG, anchored in the prolific Rovuma Basin offshore northern Mozambique, has faced prolonged delays linked to security instability in Cabo Delgado province, financing complexity, and the broader recalibration of global LNG investment following the COVID-19 period. The pre-FID awards suggest ExxonMobil, as operator of the Area 4 block's LNG development, is working to maintain project viability and supply-chain readiness in anticipation of conditions that would support a positive FID. The article does not specify which contractors or equipment categories have received awards, nor does it confirm a revised FID timeline.

The Rovuma Basin holds world-class gas reserves, and multiple LNG trains are envisaged across the broader development concept. Phase one scope, as referenced in the pre-FID contracting activity, would represent a foundational piece of what could become one of Africa's largest LNG export facilities. For international service and equipment companies, early positioning on long-lead scopes — including liquefaction technology, marine loading infrastructure, and subsea gas gathering — is critical to capturing work in subsequent phases.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies, the Rovuma LNG pre-FID contracting round is a concrete signal to escalate engagement. Companies with LNG process expertise, subsea tie-back capabilities, marine and offshore installation competencies, and project logistics experience should be actively mapping their entry points. The window for influencing contractor selection and supply-chain configuration is narrow at the pre-FID stage, making immediate business development action advisable rather than a wait-and-see posture.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The \$1.1 billion pre-FID contract round indicates ExxonMobil is actively building out the Rovuma LNG supply chain ahead of a formal investment decision, creating a near-term window for Norwegian service companies to engage on long-lead scopes. Partners with LNG, subsea, marine installation, or project logistics capabilities should prioritise direct outreach to ExxonMobil's procurement and project teams now, as pre-FID selections often lock in preferred vendors for post-FID execution. Saga recommends partners monitor for specific contract package disclosures and position through local Mozambican content partnerships to meet regulatory requirements.

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- **LNG:** Norwegian LNG process and cryogenic equipment suppliers should map their product scope against Rovuma Phase 1 long-lead packages and seek early vendor qualification with ExxonMobil.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Subsea infrastructure providers with deepwater gas gathering and tie-back experience should assess fit with any offshore production system scopes connected to Rovuma LNG feedgas supply.
- **Pipeline:** Pipeline engineering and installation contractors should evaluate onshore and nearshore gas transmission scopes that will be required to move Rovuma gas to the LNG processing facility.
- **Drilling:** Drilling services companies should monitor for well campaign requirements linked to Phase 1 production wells needed to support first-train LNG delivery commitments.
- **Service:** Project management, logistics, and marine services firms should begin mapping Mozambique operational readiness, given the remote location of Cabo Delgado and the scale of equipment mobilisation required.

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