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Dangote Refinery Plans \$14.3bn Expansion and IPO as Nigeria Refining Capacity Set to Double

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The Dangote Petroleum Refinery in Nigeria has announced plans to invest \$14.3 billion to double its processing capacity, a move that coincides with the signing of documents for an initial public offering. The announcement marks one of the most significant downstream investment commitments in Sub-Saharan Africa in recent years and signals continued momentum at the facility, which has already reshaped Nigeria's domestic refining landscape.

The scale of the planned expansion is notable. Doubling capacity at a refinery of Dangote's size would require substantial engineering, procurement, and construction work across multiple process units, utilities, storage, and marine infrastructure. While the article does not specify the technical scope or timeline of the expansion, a \$14.3 billion commitment at this level would typically involve a broad range of service providers across civil, mechanical, and process disciplines — creating a potentially large contracting market over the coming years.

The IPO process running in parallel with the expansion announcement is also significant for the investment climate. Listing would bring greater financial transparency and governance to what has been a privately held mega-project, potentially improving the bankability of future contracts and making it easier for international service companies and lenders to engage with the project on commercial terms. It may also accelerate the capital-raising required to fund the expansion itself.

For Norway's oil and gas service sector, Nigeria's downstream ambitions represent an important strategic signal. The country has long been a dominant upstream market for Norwegian subsea, drilling, and well services companies, but Dangote's expansion highlights that the Nigerian energy economy is broadening. Refinery-scale investments of this magnitude generate demand for specialist engineering services, process technology, storage and logistics infrastructure, and marine transfer systems — areas where Norwegian and broader Nordic industrial competence is well established.

The IPO timing also suggests that Dangote is preparing for a more institutionalised phase of its operations. For service companies seeking long-term framework agreements or repeat work, an IPO-listed counterparty operating at this scale represents a more predictable procurement environment than a purely private entity. Norwegian companies with downstream project experience — or with Nigerian in-country presence already built through upstream relationships — should monitor the expansion's procurement rollout closely as scope details emerge.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies with downstream or industrial project capabilities should register early interest in the Dangote expansion's supply chain as procurement details are formalised following the IPO. Firms already holding in-country presence in Nigeria through upstream operations are best positioned to cross-sell into this refinery expansion market. Saga recommends monitoring the IPO prospectus for contract structure and procurement strategy disclosures.

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- **FPSO/Marine:** Marine transfer and storage infrastructure associated with a doubling of refinery throughput may create demand for floating storage, offloading, or jetty engineering services.
- **Pipeline:** Expanded refinery capacity will require additional feedstock intake and product export pipeline infrastructure, representing potential project scope for pipeline engineering firms.

- **Service:** Mechanical and process engineering contractors with refinery turnaround or brownfield expansion experience should track the IPO prospectus for early procurement signals.
- **LNG:** If the expansion includes gas processing or petrochemical integration, LNG and gas handling specialists may find relevant scope within the broader investment programme.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Norwegian companies with Nigerian upstream relationships and in-country infrastructure should assess whether those platforms can support downstream project bids at Dangote scale.

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