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# Ima Gas Reaches \$800M FID to Supply Nigeria LNG Expansion

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Nigeria's gas sector has received a significant boost following the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the Ima Gas project, with the development carrying an estimated price tag of \$800 million. The decision marks a milestone not only for the project itself but for Nigeria's broader LNG ambitions, as the Ima Gas field feeds directly into supply commitments supporting Nigeria LNG expansion. The FID advances a gas discovery that was made more than five decades ago, bringing to fruition a resource that has long sat undeveloped despite its known potential.

The project is notable for the degree of indigenous participation it represents in large-scale upstream development. Nigeria has in recent years placed increasing emphasis on local content and domestically led project execution, and the Ima Gas FID reflects that policy direction taking tangible form at the investment level. For a project of this scale to reach FID under indigenous leadership signals growing technical and financial capability within Nigeria's local energy sector — a development with implications for how future upstream and midstream projects are structured and financed across the country.

From a supply perspective, the timing is consequential. Nigeria LNG has faced feedgas constraints that have limited its ability to operate at full capacity, and additional upstream commitments such as Ima Gas provide a clearer pathway toward stabilising and potentially increasing LNG export volumes. Nigeria holds some of the largest proven gas reserves in Africa, yet chronic underinvestment in upstream gas development has historically constrained monetisation. The Ima Gas FID represents a

direct response to that gap, converting a legacy discovery into actionable production infrastructure.

The \$800 million investment will require a broad range of services across engineering, procurement, construction, and operations. Depending on the field's development configuration, requirements could span upstream wellsite services, gas processing and conditioning facilities, compression infrastructure, and pipeline tie-in work to connect production to the Nigeria LNG supply chain. Each of these phases represents procurement opportunities for international service companies with established presences and technical track records in Nigerian operations.

For Norwegian service companies, the project's link to LNG export infrastructure is a particularly relevant entry point. Norway's service sector has deep expertise in gas processing, subsea and surface production systems, and LNG-adjacent technologies that are directly applicable to a project of Ima Gas's scope. The indigenous ownership structure may also open pathways for technology transfer partnerships, joint ventures, or subcontracting arrangements with Nigerian firms looking to build technical capacity alongside project execution.

### Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor Ima Gas procurement channels as the \$800M budget will require significant external technical and equipment support across upstream, processing, and pipeline segments. The project's LNG supply function makes it strategically relevant for firms with gas handling and conditioning expertise. Partners should consider early engagement with the indigenous operator structure, where technology transfer arrangements and joint venture models may be preferred over traditional contractor relationships.

### PARTNER ANGLES

- **LNG:** Gas processing, conditioning, and liquefaction-adjacent technology providers should track Ima Gas procurement as the project feeds directly into Nigeria LNG supply infrastructure.

- **Pipeline:** Tie-in and transportation pipeline contractors have clear scope potential as produced gas will require dedicated routing to connect with existing Nigeria LNG feedgas networks.
- **Drilling:** With a legacy discovery now reaching FID, appraisal and development drilling campaigns are likely to form part of the project's early execution phase, creating rig and well-services demand.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Depending on the development configuration — not yet specified in available reporting — subsea or floating production options may be evaluated, warranting monitoring as technical planning matures.
- **Service:** Indigenous operator leadership creates openings for Norwegian firms to structure technology transfer agreements or capacity-building partnerships alongside conventional service contracts.

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