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# SLB OneSubsea Secures Subsea Production Contract for Mozambique Rovuma LNG Project

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SLB's OneSubsea joint venture has been awarded a contract by ExxonMobil Moçambique, Limitada, acting on behalf of its Area 4 partners, for subsea production work at the Mozambique Rovuma LNG project. The award — now confirmed by multiple sources under the Rovuma LNG project designation — marks a concrete step forward in the execution phase of one of Africa's most consequential upstream developments, signalling that subsea equipment procurement and installation is actively progressing on the Area 4 block.

The Mozambique Area 4 project, anchored in the Rovuma Basin, is widely regarded as a landmark LNG development on the continent, with ExxonMobil serving as the designated operator for the upstream gas extraction component. The subsea production contract awarded to SLB OneSubsea represents a critical element of the subsea production system, encompassing subsea trees that control the flow of hydrocarbons from individual wells — among the first major hardware installations required before first gas can be achieved. The involvement of OneSubsea, a joint venture that brings together SLB's subsea technology capabilities, underscores the technical complexity and scale of the offshore gas extraction work underpinning the broader Rovuma LNG facility.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies monitoring Mozambique, this contract award is a meaningful signal that the upstream subsea scope of Area 4 is transitioning from planning into active procurement and execution. While SLB

OneSubsea has secured the subsea production scope, large-scale LNG and deepwater projects of this nature typically generate substantial follow-on contracting opportunities across well services, subsea umbilicals, risers and flowlines, topside and FPSO-adjacent engineering, marine logistics, and commissioning services. Partners tracking this project should note that the award confirms ExxonMobil and Area 4 partners are actively engaging contractors, making this a critical window to position for adjacent scopes.

Mozambique's northern Cabo Delgado region has faced well-documented security challenges that previously disrupted TotalEnergies' onshore LNG construction at the neighbouring Area 1 block. ExxonMobil's upstream gas extraction for Area 4 is offshore, and the progression of subsea contracting activity suggests the operator is moving with confidence on the offshore development timeline, even as the broader regional security and financing environment continues to evolve. Norwegian companies with established track records in technically demanding deepwater and LNG-linked subsea environments should treat this contract announcement as a trigger to actively assess their positioning on the Rovuma LNG project.

The SLB OneSubsea award provides a clear market intelligence signal: ExxonMobil's Rovuma LNG Area 4 is open for business on the subsea side. Norwegian service companies that have not yet mapped their potential entry points into this project — whether directly or through teaming arrangements with tier-one contractors — should do so now, before the remaining major scopes are allocated.

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

The SLB OneSubsea contract award for the Rovuma LNG project confirms that ExxonMobil's Mozambique Area 4 is actively procuring subsea production equipment and installation services, making this an immediate watch-and-engage moment for Norwegian subsea and well services firms. Companies should assess whether they can participate as subcontractors or technology providers within the SLB OneSubsea supply chain, or position independently for remaining scopes such as SURF, well services, and commissioning. Saga recommends partners with deepwater LNG-linked subsea credentials initiate direct outreach to ExxonMobil Mozambique and relevant tier-one contractors without delay.

## PARTNER ANGLES

- **Subsea equipment and technology suppliers:** Explore subcontractor or technology provider roles within the SLB OneSubsea supply chain for the Rovuma LNG subsea production system, leveraging Norwegian deepwater equipment credentials.
- **SURF contractors:** Position for umbilicals, risers, and flowlines scope that typically follows subsea tree awards on deepwater LNG projects of this scale; initiate early dialogue with ExxonMobil Moçambique and tier-one SURF contractors.
- **Well services companies:** The progression of subsea production contracting indicates well drilling and completion campaigns are approaching; Norwegian well services firms should assess direct bidding and teaming opportunities on Rovuma LNG.
- **Marine and logistics providers:** Offshore deepwater operations in the Rovuma Basin will require specialist marine logistics and support vessels; Norwegian marine operators with LNG-linked project experience should monitor upcoming tenders.

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