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Beira-Feruka Pipeline Capacity Expansion Targets 67% Throughput Increase for Landlocked Region

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The Companhia de Pipeline Moçambique-Zimbabwe (CPMZ) is advancing plans to expand capacity along the Beira-Feruka pipeline corridor by 67%, a development that would significantly reshape fuel supply logistics for landlocked Southern African markets. Infrastructure operators and industry stakeholders are set to convene in Zambia to examine how the expansion could improve supply security across the region, according to Mining News Zambia.

The Beira-Feruka route is a critical petroleum products artery, connecting the port of Beira in Mozambique to inland distribution points and serving as a primary fuel supply channel for Zimbabwe and onward markets including Zambia. A 67% capacity uplift would represent a material increase in throughput capability for a corridor that regional economies depend on for refined product delivery. The Zambia meeting signals that upstream and downstream stakeholders beyond Mozambique and Zimbabwe are actively engaged in the expansion's planning and implications.

Regional fuel security has become an increasingly prominent concern across Sub-Saharan Africa, where landlocked countries face structural vulnerability to port congestion, road tanker bottlenecks, and supply disruptions. Pipeline infrastructure, by contrast, offers more reliable and cost-efficient bulk movement of refined products. The CPMZ expansion dialogue reflects a broader recognition among Southern African governments and private operators that investment in fixed pipeline infrastructure is central to stabilising energy supply chains.

While specific details on project timelines, financing structures, and technical scope were not disclosed in the available reporting, the convening of cross-border stakeholders in Zambia suggests the expansion is moving from conceptual planning toward more formal feasibility and stakeholder alignment phases. Zambia's inclusion in these discussions underscores the corridor's potential to serve markets well beyond its current terminus, pointing to possible future extensions or offtake arrangements further inland.

For the Norwegian energy services sector, the Beira-Feruka expansion represents a developing opportunity in pipeline engineering, integrity management, and associated infrastructure services. Mozambique's growing role as a regional energy hub — anchored by both its LNG developments and transit infrastructure — makes it a market worth sustained monitoring. Companies with pipeline construction, inspection, and maintenance capabilities should track project progression as technical and commercial parameters become clearer.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian pipeline engineering and integrity service companies should monitor the CPMZ expansion closely as the project moves toward formal procurement phases — early engagement with regional operators and EPC contractors could position them ahead of tender processes. Zambia's inclusion in stakeholder talks also suggests potential for extended corridor infrastructure, widening the scope of services that may be required. Partners with Southern African project references will have a distinct advantage when technical bids are eventually solicited.

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- **Pipeline:** Pipeline engineering and integrity management firms should begin mapping CPMZ's procurement process, as a 67% capacity expansion will require detailed engineering, materials supply, and long-term maintenance contracting.
- **Service:** Inspection, testing, and metering technology providers can position early, as expanded throughput on an ageing corridor will elevate demand for flow assurance and leak detection services.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage, but companies with Mozambique LNG-adjacent relationships should track whether the Beira corridor expansion creates integrated logistics opportunities tied to refined product distribution from coastal terminals.
- **LNG:** LNG and gas distribution specialists should assess whether the Beira corridor expansion dialogue opens parallel discussions on natural gas pipeline infrastructure linking Mozambique's production base to inland Southern African markets.

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