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Mozambique INP signs 3D seismic contract with Geopartners

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Mozambique's Instituto Nacional de Petróleo (INP) has signed a contract with Geopartners Limited for the acquisition of 3D seismic data, formalising one of the awards under the country's third competitive tender for 3D seismic data acquisition, which was launched on 17 September 2025. The signing ceremony took place on 26 June in Maputo.

The contract represents a concrete step forward in Mozambique's ongoing effort to characterise and quantify its petroleum resource base. The third seismic tender, under which Geopartners Limited was among the companies awarded, signals that INP is actively expanding its subsurface data programme across what remains one of sub-Saharan Africa's most consequential hydrocarbon provinces — already anchored by large proven gas discoveries in the Rovuma Basin. The article does not specify which basin, blocks, or geographic areas are covered under this particular contract, and no contract value is disclosed.

For the broader petroleum sector, fresh 3D seismic coverage is a prerequisite for future licensing rounds and exploration commitments. By commissioning new acquisition campaigns, INP is building the subsurface dataset that underpins investor confidence and future block awards. The involvement of multiple companies in the tender — Geopartners being one of several adjudicatees — suggests a structured, phased data acquisition programme rather than a single isolated survey.

Mozambique's upstream ambitions remain significant despite the security challenges that have delayed the Anadarko/TotalEnergies Mozambique LNG onshore project in

Cabo Delgado. Continued investment in seismic data acquisition indicates the government and INP are maintaining momentum in the petroleum assessment cycle, positioning the country for future licensing activity once the operating environment stabilises.

Norwegian service companies should treat this contract signing as an early-cycle indicator worth monitoring closely. A completed 3D seismic campaign will eventually feed into exploration drilling decisions and, further downstream, development project tenders where subsea, drilling, and FPSO suppliers become directly relevant. This is not yet a procurement opportunity, but it marks a step in the sequence that leads to one.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a signed seismic data acquisition contract — an early-cycle instrument that precedes exploration drilling and development awards. Norwegian service companies should monitor INP's tender pipeline and build relationships with Geopartners Limited and other seismic contractors active in Mozambique, as successful surveys typically trigger the next procurement phase: exploration wells and eventually development contracts where Norwegian subsea, drilling, and FPSO capabilities are directly competitive.

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- **Drilling:** New 3D seismic data will define future exploration well locations in Mozambique — monitor INP announcements for any drilling tender that follows survey completion.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Seismic campaigns precede development sanctioning; track which blocks receive new coverage as an early indicator of future deepwater or shallow-water FPSO and subsea infrastructure demand.
- **Service:** Engage with Geopartners Limited and other seismic contractors awarded under the third tender as potential future teaming partners when exploration activity converts to well services demand.

- **LNG:** Expanded subsurface characterisation in Mozambique supports the long-term resource base that underpins future LNG train decisions beyond the currently delayed TotalEnergies project.

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