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Eni drills six wells feeding Coral North FLNG

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Eni will begin drilling up to six development wells offshore Mozambique from November, with production destined to feed gas to its new Coral North floating liquefied natural gas platform. The campaign marks a significant operational milestone for Eni's deepwater Mozambique position and signals sustained drilling activity in one of East Africa's most consequential gas developments.

Coral North is the second FLNG vessel associated with Eni's offshore Mozambique operations, following the earlier Coral Sul FLNG unit. The six-well development drilling programme will supply the feedgas volumes needed to ramp Coral North toward production capacity. The article does not specify water depth, block designation, or contract values for the drilling campaign, but the scale — up to six wells commencing in a single campaign — points to a substantial subsurface and marine services mobilisation.

Mozambique's offshore gas sector has drawn sustained international attention as one of the largest natural gas discoveries made globally in recent decades. Eni's Coral North programme advances the monetisation of that resource base through FLNG technology, avoiding the need for onshore LNG infrastructure and the associated land-access complexities that have affected competing developments in the Cabo Delgado region. The floating liquefaction model also compresses the timeline between reservoir and export cargo.

For the broader Mozambique energy ecosystem, a multi-well offshore campaign of this scale generates layered demand: drilling vessels, well services, subsea

completion equipment, marine logistics, and offshore construction support. A campaign starting November implies equipment mobilisation and supply chain engagement are either already under way or in final stages. Service companies not yet positioned in Eni's Mozambique supply chain should treat this as an active contracting window, with procurement processes likely at an advanced stage for the November start.

Norwegian service companies with established deepwater and FLNG credentials should note that Eni's Coral franchise in Mozambique has a proven delivery track record, and Coral North represents a replication of that model — reducing technical novelty risk for suppliers familiar with Coral Sul interfaces. The combination of a fixed November start date and up to six wells makes this one of the more concrete near-term African offshore drilling opportunities visible in the market.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

With a confirmed November drilling start and up to six development wells on the programme, procurement for well services, subsea completions, and marine logistics is likely in final stages or already awarded — Norwegian service companies should urgently verify whether open positions remain in Eni's Mozambique supply chain. Those not yet on Eni's vendor list should initiate qualification immediately and monitor contract award announcements. Companies already active on Coral Sul have a clear reference-case advantage for Coral North engagement.

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- **Drilling:** A multi-well deepwater campaign starting November represents a near-term revenue opportunity for drilling contractors and BOP/well-control service providers with Eni-qualified equipment available in the Indian Ocean region.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Six development wells feeding an FLNG vessel require subsea trees, flowlines, and umbilicals — suppliers with deepwater completion hardware and Eni interface experience should confirm supply-chain status without delay.
- **LNG:** Coral North's feedgas ramp-up will require FLNG commissioning and operations support; Norwegian firms with FLNG systems integration or marine LNG operations expertise should explore secondment or technical services roles.

- **Service:** Well services covering cementing, completions, and intervention across up to six wells offshore Mozambique represent a substantial workscope; companies not yet mobilised should assess whether late-entry positions in the campaign remain available.
- **Pipeline:** Subsea tie-back infrastructure connecting the new wells to Coral North may require pipeline fabrication and installation services; monitor scope details as the November start approaches for potential EPCI opportunities.

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