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TotalEnergies weighs Mozambique LNG Phase 2 expansion

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TotalEnergies is considering retaining construction teams on-site in Mozambique to position for a Phase 2 expansion of its LNG development, even as civil society campaigners escalate pressure on Japanese shipowners linked to the project's supply chain.

The move to keep construction personnel engaged signals that TotalEnergies is maintaining operational continuity and looking ahead to a second development phase, despite the project's well-documented security challenges that led to a force majeure declaration in 2021. Retaining specialist teams rather than demobilising them is a material commercial decision: it preserves institutional knowledge, reduces future remobilisation costs, and sends a signal to partners and lenders that the operator treats Phase 2 as a near-term planning horizon rather than a distant aspiration.

On the opposing side, international civil society groups are intensifying their campaign against the project by targeting Japanese shipowners. The campaigners appear to be focusing on the shipping and offtake infrastructure that underpins LNG export economics, seeking to introduce reputational and financial friction into the logistics chain. Japanese companies have historically featured prominently in LNG shipping and project financing across East Africa. The article does not specify which shipowners are named, the nature of the campaign instruments being used, or whether any shipowner has responded to or modified its position as a result of the pressure.

The dual dynamic — operator quietly expanding scope while activists target the supply chain's periphery — reflects the broader tension running through large-scale LNG developments in frontier markets. For the Mozambique project specifically, the security situation in Cabo Delgado province remains the dominant variable. Neither the article's summary nor its sourcing indicates a change in the force majeure status or a revised timeline for the first-phase restart, so any Phase 2 planning should be read as contingent on Phase 1 resumption.

For Norwegian service companies tracking East African LNG, the retention of construction teams is the operative commercial signal. It suggests TotalEnergies is sustaining a project organisation capable of transitioning from Phase 1 completion work into Phase 2 front-end activity without a full stand-down. That continuity narrows the window for new entrants to position themselves but also confirms that procurement cycles for Phase 2 — spanning subsea tie-ins, topsides modules, marine spread, and LNG carrier charters — will eventually open. The activist campaign targeting shipping partners adds a reputational-risk layer that Norwegian companies with ESG-sensitive investor bases should factor into their engagement strategies.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This item is a planning signal — Phase 2 is not yet at FID or open tender, so procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian service companies should monitor TotalEnergies' project organisation decisions and maintain relationships with the Mozambique LNG project team and tier-one EPC contractors to ensure early visibility when FEED or prequalification for Phase 2 is launched. Companies with LNG shipping, marine spread, or subsea experience should also track the civil society campaign dynamics, as reputational risk management will be a consideration in any future contractor selection.

PARTNER ANGLES

- **LNG:** Monitor TotalEnergies' Phase 2 planning timeline and position early with EPC contractors who may carry retained teams into FEED scope.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Phase 2 expansion will require additional subsea infrastructure; track FEED award signals as the entry point for subsea scope discussions.

- **Drilling:** Phase 2 well programmes will follow FID; maintain contact with TotalEnergies Mozambique drilling management to stay on preferred-supplier lists.
- **Pipeline:** Onshore and offshore pipeline tie-in scope for Phase 2 will be defined at FEED stage; register interest with EPC leads now rather than at tender.
- **Service:** Retained construction teams need ongoing logistics, maintenance, and HSE support; near-term service contracts may exist even before Phase 2 FID.

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