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SNH Cameroon defends gas strategy after Hilli FLNG exit

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Cameroon's state hydrocarbons company SNH has issued a formal clarification note pushing back against international media coverage that framed the end of FLNG Hilli Episeyo operations in the country as a wholesale derailment of the national gas strategy. The statement was triggered by a 2 July 2026 article in French outlet Africa Intelligence, which attributed the strategic setback to SNH's own management decisions.

SNH's rebuttal contests both the characterisation and the causality presented in the Africa Intelligence piece. The state company argues that the cessation of Hilli Episeyo operations does not constitute a collapse of Cameroon's gas ambitions, and that responsibility for the outcome has been misattributed. The clarification is notable in itself: formal public corrections from national oil companies in response to foreign press coverage are relatively rare and signal that the stakes of the narrative — for investor confidence and future project development — are considered significant by Yaounde.

The Hilli Episeyo is a converted FLNG vessel that has been operating offshore Cameroon, processing gas from the Kribi area into LNG for export. Its departure marks a concrete change in Cameroon's LNG production footprint, whatever the underlying cause. Cameroon has been one of the few sub-Saharan African countries to have achieved FLNG production at commercial scale, and the vessel's exit raises legitimate questions about the timeline and instrument for any successor capacity — whether through another FLNG unit, a land-based liquefaction facility, or alternative

gas monetisation routes such as domestic power generation or regional pipeline supply.

The public dispute between a French media organisation and SNH also reflects a broader tension in how African national oil companies manage external communications at a time when international capital is acutely sensitive to governance signals. For prospective investors and service contractors, the substance of SNH's clarification — specifically what the revised gas strategy actually entails and which projects remain on the development roadmap — will matter far more than the media dispute itself. Until SNH publishes fuller detail on its forward plan, the operational and commercial picture for Cameroon LNG remains incomplete.

For Norwegian service companies, the situation warrants close monitoring. The end of Hilli Episeyo operations could create demand for new infrastructure decisions in the near-to-medium term, but no successor project, contract, or licensing instrument has been confirmed in the available reporting. Relationship-building with SNH and engagement with Cameroon's gas sector stakeholders is the appropriate posture at this stage.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The Hilli Episeyo exit creates a potential future demand signal for FLNG or LNG infrastructure in Cameroon, but no successor project, FID, or procurement process has been announced. Norwegian companies with FLNG, floating production, or LNG technology exposure should monitor SNH communications and maintain government-level relationships in Yaounde rather than initiating procurement outreach at this stage.

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- **LNG:** Track SNH's revised gas monetisation roadmap closely — a successor FLNG unit or land-based liquefaction decision would be a direct procurement opportunity for LNG technology and equipment suppliers.
- **FPSO:** Golar-type FLNG conversions have been the preferred Cameroon model; Norwegian floating production specialists should position for any future vessel conversion or newbuild tender if a replacement unit is scoped.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Any new gas development offshore Kribi will require subsea tie-back and production infrastructure; monitor SNH field development announcements for early engagement opportunities.
- **Pipeline:** If Cameroon pivots from LNG export toward domestic gas-to-power or regional pipeline supply, midstream pipeline contractors should assess the infrastructure gap and identify local partner relationships.

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