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ADES Lands \$229m Drilling Contracts in Nigeria, UK

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ADES has secured drilling contracts worth a combined \$229 million across Nigeria and the United Kingdom, marking a significant expansion of the company's operational footprint in two major offshore markets. The contracts represent signed agreements, placing ADES among the active drilling contractors in Nigerian offshore waters at a time when operators are stepping up well campaigns.

The Nigerian portion of the contract award is directly relevant to the West African offshore drilling market, where rig availability and contractor selection are closely watched by service companies across the supply chain. ADES, which has built a growing presence in the Middle East and Africa, adding Nigeria to its active contract portfolio signals continued operator confidence in drilling activity in the region. The UK contract, while outside Saga Advisory's African focus, forms part of the same commercial announcement and underscores the contractor's broader international ambitions.

Nigeria remains one of Africa's most active upstream markets, with multiple operators running concurrent offshore drilling programmes. A contract of this scale — with a named drilling contractor and a signed instrument — typically triggers downstream procurement activity across well services, tubulars, drilling fluids, cementing, and related subsea intervention work. Norwegian service companies with established well services or offshore support capabilities should note ADES as an active procurement counterpart in Nigeria.

The \$229 million figure covers both geographies combined, and the article does not break out the Nigeria-specific contract value separately. Water depth classification, block identity, and the operator commissioning the wells are not specified in the source reporting. Similarly, the contract duration and spud dates are not disclosed, meaning the immediate timeline for mobilisation and associated subcontract opportunities remains unclear. Norwegian suppliers should treat this as a confirmed market signal rather than an open tender, and initiate relationship-mapping with ADES's Nigerian procurement and supply chain teams to position ahead of any formal supplier engagement process.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies, the strategic takeaway is straightforward: a capitalised drilling contractor has signed work in Nigeria, and the well services and logistics supply chain attached to that programme will require vendors. Companies active in drilling fluids, wellhead equipment, wireline, coiled tubing, or offshore crew and vessel support should assess their existing relationship with ADES and determine whether a formal approach to their Nigerian operations team is warranted. Given that contracts are signed rather than merely announced as intentions, procurement engagement is appropriate at this stage.

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This is a signed contract, making it appropriate for Norwegian well services, drilling fluids, and offshore logistics companies to initiate direct outreach to ADES's Nigerian operations and procurement teams. Partners with tubular, cementing, wireline, or coiled tubing capabilities should assess fit against ADES's typical well programme requirements. Early supplier registration with ADES Nigeria is recommended before subcontract scopes are formalised.

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- **Drilling:** ADES is now an active drilling contractor in Nigeria with signed work — Norwegian drilling technology and equipment suppliers should register as vendors with their Nigerian procurement function.

- **Service:** Well services companies offering fluids, cementing, wireline, or coiled tubing should approach ADES Nigeria directly, as signed contracts at this scale generate immediate subcontract demand.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If any of the wells are development-linked, subsea hardware and installation contractors should monitor operator announcements connected to this ADES drilling campaign for downstream tie-back or completion scopes.
- **Pipeline:** Offshore pipeline and umbilical suppliers should track which operator blocks are being drilled under this contract, as successful wells may progress to field development and associated pipeline work.

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