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Algeria commits \$71.6bn to oil and gas by 2030

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Algeria has announced a \$71.6 billion investment plan for its upstream hydrocarbons, refining, and petrochemicals sectors through 2030, targeting a rise in primary hydrocarbon production from 193 million tonnes of oil equivalent to approximately 201 million tonnes of oil equivalent over the same period. The programme is designed to meet growing domestic energy demand while protecting Algeria's hydrocarbon export volumes, which remain the backbone of government revenues.

The scale of the commitment places Algeria among the most active state-directed hydrocarbon spending programmes on the continent. Sonatrach, the national oil company, is the central vehicle for this capital deployment, and the plan spans the full value chain from upstream exploration and production through to refining capacity and petrochemical facilities. The dual pressure of rising internal consumption and the need to sustain export revenues has made this multi-year spending commitment a strategic priority for Algiers.

For the upstream segment, the ambition to add roughly eight million tonnes of oil equivalent in incremental production by 2030 implies sustained drilling campaigns, reservoir development work, and field infrastructure upgrades across Algeria's mature Saharan basins, which have required increasing technical sophistication to maintain output levels. Refining and petrochemical expansion adds a downstream dimension that will demand both engineering capacity and process technology. The article does not specify block classifications, water depths, or individual project names, and those details should be verified from primary Sonatrach or government sources before commercial engagement.

For Norwegian service companies, the significance of this plan lies in its breadth and duration. A \$71.6 billion programme running to 2030 creates a sustained procurement pipeline rather than a single-cycle opportunity. Drilling services, well intervention, reservoir engineering, and specialist chemicals are all areas where Norwegian companies carry competitive capability. The refining and petrochemicals component additionally opens potential roles for process engineering and project management firms operating in adjacent segments. Algeria's preference for long-term framework agreements and its complex local-content environment mean that early positioning and relationship-building with Sonatrach divisions and Algerian engineering partners is essential groundwork before any tendering becomes visible.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an announced investment plan — not yet a signed contract or open tender — so Norwegian service companies should focus on monitoring and early relationship-building with Sonatrach and Algerian engineering intermediaries rather than procurement outreach. The \$71.6bn envelope and the 2030 horizon provide sufficient lead time to establish in-country presence or identify local partnership structures. Saga Advisory recommends tracking Sonatrach's annual contracting announcements and Algerian energy ministry tenders as the plan moves from commitment to execution.

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- **Drilling:** Sustained drilling campaigns to lift production toward 201 million toe will require rig capacity, directional drilling services, and well-completion expertise — segments where Norwegian contractors hold strong technical credentials.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If any upstream growth targets offshore or deep Saharan tied-back development, Norwegian subsea engineering firms should monitor for subsurface and flow-assurance scopes as project details emerge.
- **Pipeline:** Expanding refining and petrochemical output will require new intra-facility and export pipeline infrastructure, creating potential scopes for Norwegian pipeline engineering and integrity-management companies.

- **Service:** Well services, reservoir management, and specialist chemicals for mature Saharan basin redevelopment represent near-term market entry points for Norwegian oilfield service providers already active in North Africa.
- **LNG:** Preserving Algeria's LNG export volumes — critical to European supply security — may drive investment in liquefaction maintenance and capacity optimisation, areas where Norwegian process and rotating-equipment specialists can add value.

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