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# Senegal Gas Network Pipes Pass China Factory Tests

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Réseau Gazier du Sénégal (RGS) is conducting Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT) on onshore pipelines manufactured in Tianjin, China, destined for the northern segment of Senegal's national gas distribution network. The tests, running from 18 to 20 May 2026, are being carried out under a mission led by the Ministère de l'Energie, du Pétrole et des Mines (MEPM), confirming that the pipeline procurement process for this segment has reached a tangible fabrication milestone.

The FAT process is a standard quality assurance step in which pipeline components are inspected and tested at the manufacturer's facility before shipment to the project site. The involvement of the Senegalese energy ministry in overseeing this process in China signals a hands-on state approach to procurement verification for what is a strategically significant piece of domestic energy infrastructure. The northern segment forms part of a broader national gas grid that Senegal is developing as it moves toward monetising its gas resources and expanding domestic energy access.

Senegal's gas infrastructure ambitions have accelerated alongside the development of the Greater Tortue Ahmeyim LNG project and associated upstream assets. A functional national gas network is central to the country's plans to channel domestic gas to industrial and residential consumers, reducing dependence on imported energy and supporting economic development goals set out under the Plan Sénégal Emergent framework. The pipeline segment now undergoing FAT in China represents one concrete step in that longer construction pipeline.

The article does not specify contract values, pipe specifications, the identity of the Chinese manufacturer, or a scheduled delivery or installation date for the northern segment. The procurement instrument in play — a pipeline supply contract with a Chinese manufacturer — is confirmed by the FAT activity itself, though no further contractual detail is provided in the source material. Norwegian service companies should monitor this programme as it moves from fabrication toward installation and commissioning phases, where additional procurement opportunities are more likely to emerge.

### Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The FAT milestone confirms active fabrication of onshore pipeline for Senegal's national gas network, but the procurement for this specific pipe supply is already placed with a Chinese manufacturer. Norwegian pipeline and inspection service companies should monitor the project's progress toward installation and commissioning phases, where specialist expertise in onshore gas pipeline testing, integrity management, and commissioning support may become relevant. Relationship-building with RGS and MEPM now would position Norwegian firms ahead of those future procurement rounds.

#### PARTNER ANGLES

- **Pipeline:** Monitor RGS's northern segment installation schedule; commissioning and integrity-testing services may be procured separately from the Chinese pipe supply contract.
- **Service:** Third-party inspection and quality assurance firms could offer independent FAT or pre-shipment inspection support to RGS on future pipeline procurement packages.
- **LNG:** As Senegal's gas grid expands to offtake domestic gas, LNG-linked gas processing and metering technology suppliers should track RGS network development milestones.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Upstream gas monetisation feeding this onshore grid ties back to offshore production infrastructure — monitor for any tie-in or midstream compression requirements as the network grows.

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