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ExxonMobil awards OneSubsea Rovuma LNG subsea contract

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ExxonMobil has selected OneSubsea to supply subsea production systems for the Rovuma LNG project in Mozambique, according to a report in Offshore Engineer Magazine. The award positions OneSubsea as a key subsea equipment provider for one of Africa's most significant deepwater gas developments, which is being developed by ExxonMobil and its partners to monetise the vast natural gas reserves in the Rovuma Basin.

The Rovuma LNG project has long been regarded as a cornerstone of Mozambique's ambition to become a major LNG exporter, sitting alongside the TotalEnergies-operated Mozambique LNG development in the northern Cabo Delgado province. ExxonMobil's decision to advance subsea production system procurement signals continued forward momentum on the project's engineering and supply chain phase, a meaningful step for a development that has faced prolonged delays tied to regional security concerns and financing complexities.

Subsea production systems are among the most technically demanding and capital-intensive elements of an offshore LNG development. They typically encompass wellheads, christmas trees, manifolds, and associated control and connection equipment designed to gather gas from subsea wells and route it to a host facility or shore. The selection of OneSubsea — a Schlumberger and Subsea 7 joint venture with deep competency in integrated subsea systems — reflects the scale and technical requirements of the Rovuma development.

For the broader Mozambique LNG supply chain, procurement activity at this level indicates that ExxonMobil is progressing through pre-FEED or FEED-stage equipment definition, though the article does not specify the exact project phase, contract value, or the number of wells or systems covered by the award. Norwegian service companies and equipment suppliers with exposure to subsea trees, manifolds, umbilicals, or intervention tooling should treat this development as an active market signal rather than a concluded opportunity.

Mozambique's Rovuma Basin holds some of the largest gas discoveries made globally in the past two decades, and successful development of both the ExxonMobil and TotalEnergies projects would create sustained demand for subsea installation, inspection, maintenance and repair services over multi-decade production lives. The security situation in Cabo Delgado has stabilised to a degree that allowed TotalEnergies to begin considering project resumption, and ExxonMobil's procurement moves suggest its own project timeline is also advancing, albeit without a confirmed final investment decision referenced in the source article.

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The OneSubsea award is a signed contract — confirmed supplier engagement on a major deepwater gas project — making this a live market event worth active monitoring and early relationship positioning with ExxonMobil's Rovuma project team and with OneSubsea as a potential tier-two procurement route. Norwegian companies in subsea equipment, installation vessels, umbilicals, and well intervention should map their product and service fit against Rovuma's subsea scope now, as supply chain slots for a project of this scale fill quickly once procurement momentum builds. Direct outreach to OneSubsea's supply chain and ExxonMobil's project procurement function is warranted for those with qualified subsea hardware or installation capabilities.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Norwegian subsea equipment and technology suppliers should assess fit with OneSubsea's Rovuma scope — particularly in trees, manifolds, controls, and connection systems — as a potential tier-two or tier-three subcontract opportunity.

- **Drilling:** Subsea well construction at Rovuma will require deepwater drilling capacity and well services; Norwegian drilling contractors and wellhead equipment suppliers should monitor rig and services tendering as ExxonMobil's project schedule firms up.
- **LNG:** Norwegian LNG process and cryogenic engineering firms should track Rovuma LNG's topsides and onshore liquefaction procurement, which will follow subsea system awards as the project progresses through FEED.
- **Pipeline:** Subsea flowline and riser system fabrication and installation will be required to connect Rovuma wells to the host facility; Norwegian pipe-lay and marine contractors should position early given Mozambique's limited local installation capacity.
- **Service:** Inspection, maintenance, and repair service providers with deepwater Mozambique channel experience should begin stakeholder engagement now, as long-term IMR frameworks are typically negotiated ahead of first gas.

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