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Petrobras signs MoU with Mozambique's ENH

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Petrobras has signed a memorandum of understanding with Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos (ENH), Mozambique's state oil company, signalling the Brazilian major's formal intent to explore cooperation opportunities in the country's hydrocarbons sector. The instrument is an MoU — a heads of agreement establishing a framework for potential collaboration — and does not constitute a block award, a signed contract, or a financial commitment at this stage.

ENH is the state entity that holds participating interests in Mozambique's flagship upstream projects, including the giant natural gas discoveries in the Rovuma Basin that have drawn sustained international attention over the past decade. An MoU with Petrobras would position the Brazilian national oil company alongside a range of international operators already active in Mozambican gas development, and could foreshadow future participation in licensing rounds, joint studies, or technical cooperation arrangements. The source article does not specify which asset areas, licence blocks, or operational segments the MoU covers, so the precise scope of the agreement remains unclear.

Petrobras brings deep-water exploration and production expertise developed in Brazil's pre-salt province, making it a credible technical partner for ENH as Mozambique seeks to accelerate development of its offshore gas resources. For Mozambique, attracting an additional national oil company with strong technical credentials and state backing could support ENH's ambition to strengthen its own operational capabilities and negotiate more favourable terms on future developments. The timing is notable given that Mozambique's LNG sector has

experienced significant delays — TotalEnergies declared force majeure on the Mozambique LNG project in 2021 following a security deterioration in Cabo Delgado, and the project remains suspended pending stabilisation of the security environment.

Whether the Petrobras-ENH MoU is connected to any specific reactivation effort, new licensing opportunity, or broader diplomatic energy cooperation initiative between Brazil and Mozambique is not stated in the available reporting. Until further details emerge — such as a block award, a joint venture agreement, or a formal bid submission — the partnership should be treated as exploratory.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This MoU is a pre-commercial instrument and carries no procurement trigger at this point; Norwegian service companies should monitor developments and consider relationship-building with both ENH and Petrobras's international business units. If the MoU leads to a formal block award or project entry by Petrobras in Mozambique, that would create openings for Norwegian subsea, well services, and FPSO operators already familiar with Petrobras from Brazilian operations. Partners with existing Petrobras supply-chain relationships in Brazil are best placed to leverage those connections should activity materialise in Mozambique.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Norwegian FPSO and subsea contractors with active Petrobras relationships in Brazil should track this MoU as a potential entry point into Mozambican offshore gas if Petrobras secures an operatorship or working interest.
- **Drilling:** Drilling contractors familiar with Petrobras's deep-water well programmes could position early with Petrobras's international team should exploration campaigns be announced in Mozambique.
- **LNG:** Norwegian LNG technology and service firms should monitor whether the Petrobras-ENH cooperation extends to the stalled Rovuma LNG value chain, where additional technical partners could be sought.
- **Service:** Well services and engineering companies should register interest with ENH's local content and procurement frameworks now, ahead of any acceleration in Mozambique's upstream activity that a Petrobras entry could catalyse.

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