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EACOP hits 92.7% completion at PS1 Hoima

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The East African Crude Oil Pipeline has reached 92.7% overall project completion, Uganda's Minister of Energy and Mineral Development Dr. Monica Musenero Masanza confirmed during a supervisory visit to Pump Station 1 in Hoima on 31 August 2026. The ministerial inspection signals that the project is in its final construction phase, with the first pump station now sufficiently advanced to receive senior government oversight.

Pump Station 1 in Hoima sits at the upstream origin of the EACOP system, which is designed to transport crude oil from Uganda's Lake Albert basin through Tanzania to the port of Tanga on the Indian Ocean. The minister and her delegation received a project update during the visit, though the source article does not specify which specific construction milestones or commissioning timelines were discussed beyond the headline completion figure.

At 92.7% completion, the project is moving out of bulk civil and mechanical construction and into the commissioning and systems integration phase — typically the stage at which final instrumentation, electrical hook-up, control systems, and leak-detection infrastructure are brought online. This phase carries its own procurement tail, including specialist testing, pre-commissioning services, and operational readiness support, though no specific tenders or contracts were announced in connection with this visit.

The ministerial visit also carries a political signal. EACOP has faced sustained pressure from European financiers, insurers, and campaigners over its climate and

human rights footprint. A high-visibility supervisory visit by Uganda's energy minister, framed as a progress assessment, is consistent with Kampala's ongoing effort to demonstrate that the project is advancing on schedule and retains full government backing. Tanzania, as the transit country hosting the majority of the pipeline corridor, is the other key sovereign stakeholder, though no Tanzanian officials are referenced in the article in connection with this visit.

For suppliers and service companies tracking late-stage pipeline project activity in East Africa, the 92.7% figure is the operative data point. It places EACOP firmly within the window where pre-commissioning, commissioning, and early operations support contracts typically become active. Norwegian pipeline and process service companies with experience in high-pressure crude transmission systems should be monitoring procurement channels associated with EACOP's operator and its engineering, procurement, and construction contractors, as no open tenders or contract awards are referenced in this article.

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With EACOP at 92.7% completion, the project is entering pre-commissioning and commissioning phases where specialist pipeline and rotating-equipment service contracts typically emerge. Norwegian companies with high-pressure crude transmission expertise should monitor EACOP's procurement channels and maintain relationships with the project's EPC contractors rather than initiating direct procurement outreach, as no tenders or contract awards are cited in this article. Relationship-building with the project's operational readiness teams in Hoima and Dar es Salaam is the appropriate near-term posture.

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- **Pipeline:** Pre-commissioning and hydrotesting services for high-pressure crude transmission lines are typically contracted in this final construction phase — monitor EACOP procurement for upcoming scopes.
- **Service:** Rotating equipment commissioning and leak-detection system integration are late-stage requirements on pump stations; Norwegian service firms with upstream

metering and control expertise should establish visibility with EACOP's engineering teams.

- **Drilling:** Pump station electrical and instrumentation hook-up scopes may follow civil completion; limited direct angle for drilling contractors, but well-services firms supporting Tilenga upstream production tie-in remain relevant.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No offshore or floating production scope is referenced in this article; FPSO players should continue monitoring Lake Albert upstream development rather than EACOP pipeline infrastructure.

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