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Technip Energies wins two FEED contracts at Gabon's Sogara

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Technip Energies has been awarded two front-end engineering and design (FEED) contracts by the Société gabonaise de raffinage (Sogara) for the modernisation of the Port-Gentil refinery, Gabon's only refinery, according to a company statement reported by the Agence Gabonaise de Presse on 17 April 2026.

The scope of both contracts centres on full process integration between existing units and new installations at the Port-Gentil facility. Specifically, Technip Energies will carry out debottlenecking of Sogara's crude distillation unit and works related to the commissioning of a new processing complex. The article notes that the awards represent a significant step in what Sogara describes as the industrial renewal of the country's sole refining asset, though no contract values or completion timelines are disclosed in the source material.

The FEED instrument is a pre-investment engineering phase that typically precedes a final investment decision (FID) and the subsequent award of engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts. The fact that two parallel FEED studies have been awarded simultaneously suggests Sogara and its backers are advancing multiple upgrade workstreams concurrently, raising the probability of larger downstream contract packages once FEED outputs are validated. The debottlenecking of the distillation unit is a capacity and efficiency measure on existing infrastructure, while the new processing complex implies potential grassroots construction scope yet to be fully defined.

Gabon's downstream sector has historically received less international contractor attention than its upstream, but the Port-Gentil refinery occupies a strategically sensitive position as the country's only domestic fuel processing facility. A successful modernisation would reduce Gabon's dependence on refined product imports and align with the government's broader industrial policy objectives. For international service companies, the FEED phase is the critical window to position for the larger EPC and commissioning packages that follow, and engagement with Technip Energies as the FEED contractor is the primary route to early project intelligence.

Norwegian oil and gas service companies with refinery process, heat integration, rotating equipment, or plant instrumentation capabilities should note Technip Energies' lead role. At this stage — two FEED contracts awarded, no FID announced — the appropriate posture is monitoring and early relationship-building rather than direct procurement outreach. Companies that have existing frame agreements or teaming arrangements with Technip Energies are best placed to track when the FEED transitions to EPC tendering.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

With Technip Energies holding both FEED contracts, Norwegian companies specialising in refinery process equipment, rotating machinery, instrumentation, or plant engineering services should prioritise relationship-building with Technip Energies' project teams now, before EPC scopes are defined. No procurement outreach is appropriate at this stage; the FEED phase is a monitoring and positioning window. Partners active in West African downstream or with Technip Energies frame agreements should flag this project for quarterly tracking.

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- **Service:** Rotating equipment and heat exchanger specialists should register interest with Technip Energies' Port-Gentil project team during FEED, when vendor lists for EPC are being shaped.
- **Pipeline:** Intra-refinery piping and process interconnection scope between existing and new units may generate fabrication and installation packages once FEED concludes — monitor for EPC tender release.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct angle at this stage, but companies with West Africa fabrication or brownfield modification experience could position as local-content subcontractors if EPC is structured regionally.
- **Drilling:** No direct drilling angle; however, any upstream tie-in to secure feedstock for the expanded refinery could indirectly stimulate onshore or nearshore well activity in Gabon — worth monitoring.

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