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ExxonMobil nears FID on Mozambique Rovuma Area 4

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ExxonMobil is finalising preparations for a Final Investment Decision (FID) on gas development in Area 4 of the Rovuma Basin, with the decision scheduled to be announced this year, according to Jornal Notícias. The move signals that one of Africa's largest undeveloped LNG resources is edging closer to a formal commitment to proceed with capital expenditure.

Area 4 sits within the broader Rovuma Basin off northern Mozambique, a region that has attracted sustained international interest since the discovery of substantial offshore gas reserves. ExxonMobil holds a position in Area 4 alongside other licence partners, and the completion of pre-FID technical and commercial preparations is understood to be the immediate priority. The article does not specify the scale of planned investment, production targets, or the detailed project configuration at this stage.

The timing is significant in the context of Mozambique's LNG ambitions. The neighbouring Area 1 project, led by TotalEnergies, has faced repeated delays following a force majeure declaration in 2021 linked to security conditions in Cabo Delgado province. ExxonMobil advancing toward an FID in Area 4 would represent a meaningful signal of renewed commercial confidence in Mozambique's offshore gas sector, even as onshore security concerns in the region continue to be monitored by operators and investors alike.

A positive FID would trigger large-scale procurement across multiple engineering and offshore disciplines. Rovuma Area 4 development would be expected to require

subsea infrastructure, FPSO or fixed platform solutions, drilling campaigns, LNG processing and export facilities, and extensive pipeline and marine works — though the article does not confirm which specific configurations or contractors are currently under consideration. Norwegian service companies with experience in complex deepwater and LNG projects across Africa should treat ExxonMobil's pre-FID activity as a critical window for relationship-building and technical positioning ahead of what could become a major tender cycle.

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The FID has not yet been taken, so formal procurement outreach is premature — but the pre-FID phase is precisely when technical and commercial relationships with ExxonMobil's project team and its engineering contractors carry the most weight. Norwegian companies should prioritise monitoring ExxonMobil's FEED contractor selection and early supply-chain engagement processes, and use existing relationships with likely EPCI contractors to position for subcontract opportunities once FID is confirmed.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** A Rovuma Area 4 FID would likely require substantial subsea tieback or FPSO infrastructure; Norwegian subsea and floating-production specialists should begin mapping ExxonMobil's FEED and EPCI contractor preferences now.
- **Drilling:** A full field development in Area 4 will demand an extended offshore drilling campaign; rig owners and well-services companies should monitor contract award signals emerging from the FEED process.
- **LNG:** Area 4 is a gas-to-LNG project, creating potential demand for Norwegian LNG technology licensors, compressor suppliers, and marine loading system providers once FID is confirmed.
- **Pipeline:** Subsea flowlines and gas export pipelines will be central to any Area 4 development scheme; Norwegian pipeline engineering firms should track FEED documentation and early contractor engagement.

- **Service:** Pre-FID activity creates immediate openings for Norwegian inspection, integrity, and project-management consultancies to support ExxonMobil's technical preparation work ahead of final sanctioning.

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