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ENH advances \$250m Mozambique gas project targeting South Africa and regional markets

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Mozambique's state-owned hydrocarbons company ENH is actively courting investors for its \$250 million gas infrastructure project, with South Africa's energy major Sasol and pipeline operator ROMPCO identified as priority targets. A second independent source — African Economy Inc. — has now corroborated the core details of this initiative, confirming that ENH is in active discussions with potential investors and that South Africa remains the primary demand anchor, while also flagging broader regional markets as part of the project's commercial rationale. This multi-source confirmation moves the project further from speculative reporting and closer to verified deal-making activity, with a completion target of 2030 or 2031 providing a concrete timeline against which progress can be measured.

The project scope encompasses a pipeline link to South Africa alongside floating natural gas storage and regasification units to be located at Inhassoro and Beira — two coastal sites that would provide domestic distribution and import flexibility alongside the export corridor. The African Economy Inc. reporting reinforces the regional dimension of the project, suggesting ENH may be pitching the infrastructure as a platform to serve not only South African industrial demand but potentially neighbouring landlocked markets as well. This dual-function design — export pipeline combined with floating storage and regasification infrastructure — reflects an integrated gas strategy rather than a single-purpose export play, with the floating units potentially serving Mozambique's own power and industrial consumers.

The involvement of ROMPCO remains strategically logical given that the company already operates the existing cross-border gas pipeline carrying gas from Mozambique's southern Pande and Temane fields to South Africa. Sasol, as the anchor buyer of gas from those same southern fields and a major South African industrial consumer, represents the most natural offtake partner for expanded pipeline capacity. Their continued identification as target investors across multiple sources signals that ENH is structuring this as a commercially anchored project rather than a purely state-driven infrastructure play.

Despite growing source confirmation, significant details remain undisclosed. The pipeline's precise route, diameter, and throughput capacity have not been reported, nor have the specifications or contracting arrangements for the floating storage and regasification units. No financing agreements, development finance institution mandates, or EPC tenders have been announced. The 2030-2031 completion window implies that front-end engineering and design work, environmental permitting, and financing closure would need to advance materially within the next two to three years — a timeline that is achievable but demanding given Mozambique's project execution history. The explicit mention of regional markets beyond South Africa adds a new commercial dimension that warrants monitoring as the project's scope and offtake structure become clearer.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

With two independent sources now confirming active investor discussions and a regional supply ambition beyond South Africa, this project carries sufficient credibility to justify direct outreach to ENH and prospective lead developers. Norwegian companies with floating storage and regasification unit engineering expertise, pipeline integrity management capabilities, or offshore installation experience should prioritise introductions now, as front-end engineering and design phases are likely to open within two to three years. Mapping development finance institution engagement in parallel will be critical to identifying future procurement influence points as the financing package takes shape.

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- **FSRU and floating unit specialists:** The Inhassoro and Beira floating storage and regasification units represent the most technology-intensive scope in the package, directly suited to Norwegian offshore engineering firms with FSRU design and installation experience.
- **Pipeline engineering and integrity firms:** The cross-border pipeline component offers opportunities for Norwegian companies with subsea and onshore pipeline engineering, coating, and integrity management capabilities, particularly given ROMPCO's existing operational familiarity on the corridor.
- **Development finance institution advisors:** The scale and regional nature of the project makes DFI financing likely; Norwegian firms with project finance advisory or ESG due diligence capabilities could engage early with institutions expected to back the deal.
- **EPC lead contractors:** Early engagement with international EPC contractors likely to bid on the integrated infrastructure package would allow Norwegian subcontractors and equipment suppliers to position themselves ahead of formal procurement.

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