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OneSubsea lands Rovuma LNG subsea production contract

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OneSubsea has been awarded a contract to deliver subsea production systems for the Rovuma LNG project in Mozambique, marking a significant equipment commitment to one of Africa's largest planned LNG developments. The contract positions OneSubsea as a key hardware supplier for the subsea architecture that will underpin gas extraction feeding the Rovuma LNG export facility.

Rovuma LNG is a major natural gas liquefaction project anchored in the Rovuma Basin offshore northern Mozambique, a region that holds some of the largest gas discoveries made globally in the past two decades. The project has faced a prolonged development timeline following a force majeure declaration in 2021 triggered by an insurgency in Cabo Delgado province. The award of a subsea production systems contract to OneSubsea signals that project parties are advancing procurement activity, a concrete step forward in the development sequence.

Subsea production systems are central to the upstream gas gathering infrastructure that will connect wellheads on the seabed to the onshore LNG processing and liquefaction plant. The scope awarded to OneSubsea — a subsea technologies company operating under the SLB and Aker Solutions joint venture structure — typically encompasses manifolds, wellheads, control systems, and associated subsea equipment required to manage and route production from multiple wells.

For Norwegian service companies tracking African LNG opportunity, the Rovuma LNG procurement cycle is among the most consequential currently active on the continent. A contract award of this nature confirms that major equipment packages

are being placed, which in turn drives demand for installation, hook-up, commissioning, inspection, and maintenance services across the project life. Norwegian players with competence in subsea installation vessels, umbilical and flexible pipe supply, subsea intervention, and integrity management are entering a relevant procurement window as the project moves from engineering into execution-phase supply chain activity.

The security situation in Cabo Delgado remains a factor that all prospective partners and contractors will need to assess as part of project risk planning. However, procurement engagement with the project and its principal contractors is now clearly active, and Norwegian companies that have not yet established contact with Rovuma LNG's operator and EPC structure should prioritise doing so in the near term.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The contract award to OneSubsea confirms Rovuma LNG has entered active procurement for major subsea equipment packages, making this the right moment for Norwegian subsea, FPSO, and installation companies to engage with the project's EPC contractors and operator supply chain. Norwegian firms specialising in umbilicals, flexible risers, subsea installation, and integrity services should map their fit against remaining scopes and initiate relationship-building with the principal contractor structure now. Saga recommends targeted outreach to procurement and project management contacts linked to Rovuma LNG rather than waiting for formal tender notices.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Subsea installation vessel operators and equipment integrators should assess remaining hook-up, commissioning, and intervention scopes now that a major production systems contract has been placed.
- **LNG:** LNG plant construction and modularisation specialists should monitor whether topside and liquefaction train packages follow the subsea award in short succession.
- **Drilling:** Development drilling campaigns to populate the subsea production system will be a near-term requirement; drilling contractors should confirm rig availability discussions with the operator.

- **Pipeline:** Subsea pipeline and flowline contractors should identify whether infield pipeline scopes adjacent to the OneSubsea production system award remain unplaced.
- **Service:** Inspection, maintenance, and repair service providers should begin positioning for long-term subsea integrity contracts tied to the production system OneSubsea will deliver.

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