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Aradel Energy Issues EPIC EOI for 6-Inch Oil Pipeline in Nigeria

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Aradel Energy Limited has issued an Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Engineering, Procurement, Installation and Commissioning (EPIC) of a 6-inch oil pipeline, as published through Africa Oil & Gas Report's tender channel. The project carries NCDMB certification number ES/NCDMB/IPP/ARADEL-DA-100035/210525, confirming that the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board has reviewed and registered the procurement process under Nigeria's local content framework.

Aradel Energy Limited is a Lagos-headquartered, privately held Nigerian upstream and midstream operator with producing assets primarily in the Niger Delta. The company has in recent years expanded its operational footprint and capital programme, positioning itself as one of the more active indigenous operators in the country. The 6-inch pipeline scope — categorised as an EPIC contract — typically encompasses front-end engineering integration, materials procurement, onshore or swamp-zone installation, and final commissioning and handover, making it a substantive mid-tier contract opportunity for qualified pipeline contractors and engineering firms.

The NCDMB certification is a mandatory procedural step under Nigeria's Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, which requires that defined scopes of work be evaluated for local content compliance before international or joint-venture contractors can be formally engaged. The certification number on this EOI signals that Aradel has satisfied the pre-qualification stage with the Board, and that responding companies should be prepared to demonstrate compliance with Nigerian

content thresholds — including local workforce ratios, in-country fabrication commitments, and technology transfer provisions.

While full technical specifications, route details, and timeline parameters have not been disclosed in the public EOI notice, the 6-inch diameter designation suggests a flow-line or trunk-line application connecting a production facility or wellhead cluster to a gathering or export point. Such pipelines in the Niger Delta context frequently traverse swamp or creekland terrain, requiring specialist installation vessels, directional drilling capabilities, or shallow-draft lay equipment. The EPIC structure of the contract also means the successful contractor will carry full project delivery responsibility from design through to operational handover, rather than serving in a narrower construction-only role.

Interested parties should move promptly to register their interest, gather NCDMB compliance documentation, and assess their local partner arrangements ahead of any formal Request for Proposals that is expected to follow this EOI stage.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian pipeline contractors and engineering firms with Niger Delta experience — particularly those holding or able to form joint ventures with NCDMB-compliant Nigerian partners — should submit an EOI and begin assembling local content documentation now. The EPIC structure creates openings across the full project lifecycle, from detailed design through installation, which suits Norwegian firms with integrated delivery capability. Companies without a direct bid position should monitor for subcontract opportunities in specialised areas such as inline inspection, cathodic protection, or commissioning services.

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- **Pipeline:** Norwegian pipeline EPIC contractors with swamp or creekland installation experience should engage directly, ensuring a credible NCDMB-compliant local partner is in place before the RFP stage.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Firms with shallow-water lay or directional drilling assets relevant to Niger Delta terrain may find subcontract scope within the installation phase of this EPIC.

- **Service:** Specialist service providers in pipeline integrity, cathodic protection, or pre-commissioning should track this tender for downstream subcontract opportunities once the EPIC lead contractor is awarded.
- **Drilling:** If the pipeline serves a new wellhead cluster, associated well-tie-in scope may emerge in parallel — worth monitoring Aradel's broader capital programme for complementary drilling activity.

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