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Field exhaustion urgency drives Mozambique's \$250m offshore gas pivot

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Mozambique is committing \$250 million to a strategic offshore gas pivot, driven by the looming exhaustion of existing producing fields. The move signals a deliberate effort by the country to sustain gas output by developing new offshore resources before current reserves decline materially, ensuring continuity for both domestic energy supply and export commitments. Baird Maritime, a specialist maritime and offshore industry publication, has now picked up the story, lending additional sectoral credibility to the reporting and suggesting the programme is attracting attention from the offshore marine and subsea services community.

The scale of the investment — \$250 million — indicates a meaningful upstream programme rather than a preliminary study, though available sources do not specify whether this figure represents a single contract, a government budget allocation, or an aggregated investment target across multiple operators or blocks. Nor do the sources detail which specific offshore areas or licence blocks are targeted, the identity of the operators involved, or the timeline for first gas from any new development. What is clear is that the driver is field exhaustion at currently producing assets, giving the programme urgency that purely exploratory campaigns typically lack.

Mozambique's offshore gas sector has long attracted international attention due to the scale of discovered resources in the Rovuma Basin, where large LNG projects have faced a difficult development environment in recent years. The present pivot,

however, appears focused on sustaining near-to-medium-term production rather than on the large-scale LNG export projects that have dominated headlines. This distinction matters for service companies assessing where near-term work programmes are most likely to materialise. The fact that Baird Maritime — a publication closely followed by vessel operators, subsea contractors, and offshore logistics providers — has covered the story suggests the offshore execution dimension is already on industry radar.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies, the combination of an explicit capital commitment and a production-continuity rationale remains a constructive signal. Field exhaustion-driven investment tends to translate into concrete well programmes — workovers, infill drilling, subsea tiebacks, and production optimisation — on a faster schedule than greenfield LNG megaprojects. The offshore setting points to potential demand across subsea equipment, marine survey, drilling services, and potentially floating production if new satellite fields require dedicated processing infrastructure.

At this stage, no signed contract, FID, or open tender process has been confirmed in either source. Norwegian service companies should treat this as an active early-stage monitoring situation and focus on relationship-building with operators in Mozambique's offshore sector and with the national oil company, ENH, while tracking whether the \$250 million commitment translates into specific procurement events or licensing-round announcements in the months ahead. The growing trade press attention, including from maritime-specialist outlets, suggests the window for early positioning may be shorter than initially assumed.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The \$250 million commitment signals a genuine upstream work programme driven by production urgency, and growing coverage in maritime trade press — including Baird Maritime — suggests the offshore execution phase is beginning to attract contractor interest. Norwegian service companies should accelerate relationship-building with active operators and ENH now, as trade press attention often precedes formal tender activity by only a short interval.

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- **Subsea equipment suppliers:** Field exhaustion-driven tiebacks and infill programmes create near-term demand for subsea trees, manifolds, and umbilicals; Norwegian suppliers should engage operators now ahead of procurement.
- **Marine survey and geophysical companies:** Identifying viable satellite fields to offset declining production will require fresh seismic and survey work, an entry point well suited to Norwegian-affiliated survey firms.
- **Drilling contractors and well services:** Workover and infill drilling activity is likely to be the fastest-materialising work scope; Norwegian-linked drilling service providers should monitor ENH and operator announcements closely.
- **Floating production specialists:** If new satellite discoveries require dedicated processing, FPSO or other floating production solutions may be required — a segment where Norwegian engineering and naval architecture expertise is competitive.

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