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Mozambique plans \$250m gas pipeline to South Africa

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Mozambique is planning a US\$250 million gas infrastructure project designed to supply South Africa through the existing ROMPCO pipeline, according to reporting by Green Building Africa. The project represents a significant domestic infrastructure investment aimed at monetising Mozambican gas reserves by routing volumes southward into the South African market via an established cross-border transmission corridor.

The ROMPCO pipeline — the Republic of Mozambique Pipeline Company — already connects Mozambican gas fields to South Africa, making it the logical conduit for expanded volumes. The planned US\$250 million investment would develop the upstream and midstream infrastructure needed to feed additional gas into that system. The article does not specify whether this involves new gathering lines, compression facilities, processing plant upgrades, or a combination of these elements, nor does it name the operator or project developer behind the initiative.

The timing reflects Mozambique's broader ambition to translate its substantial proven gas resources into reliable export revenues. South Africa faces persistent electricity shortfalls and gas-to-power demand, making it a motivated offtaker. Expanding ROMPCO throughput offers both countries a near-term energy security benefit without requiring entirely new pipeline construction across the border. Whether this project is at a conceptual stage, has received government approval, or is progressing toward procurement is not clarified in the available summary — the current instrument appears to be a planning announcement rather than a signed contract or an awarded tender.

For Norwegian service companies tracking African pipeline and midstream opportunities, the \$250 million scale is material. Pipeline integrity, compression engineering, metering and control systems, and project management services are all segments where Norwegian firms carry recognised expertise from North Sea and international midstream work. However, since no tender, expression of interest, or formal procurement process has been announced, the appropriate posture at this stage is monitoring and relationship-building with Mozambican state energy entities and potential EPC contractors rather than active bid preparation.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a planning-stage announcement without a confirmed tender or contract instrument, so Norwegian service companies should monitor procurement channels and build relationships with Mozambican state entities and potential EPC leads rather than approaching procurement teams directly. When the project advances to a formal tender or prequalification stage, pipeline engineering, compression systems, and metering technology providers will find the most direct entry points. Partners with existing ROMPCO or Southern African midstream relationships are best positioned to act quickly when commercial instruments emerge.

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- **Pipeline:** Monitor for EPC tender on gathering lines, compression, or metering infrastructure once procurement is formally launched for the ROMPCO feed project.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If upstream tie-in work is required to increase gas supply volumes, assess whether any offshore or nearshore well intervention or flowline scope accompanies the \$250m budget.
- **Service:** Pipeline integrity management and inspection firms should engage Mozambican state gas entities now to position ahead of any asset commissioning or integrity assurance scope.
- **LNG:** Track whether expanded domestic pipeline throughput competes with or complements LNG export volumes, as this affects long-term upstream gas allocation strategy in Mozambique.

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