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ExxonMobil preps \$30bn Rovuma LNG push

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ExxonMobil is preparing to advance its \$30 billion Rovuma LNG project in Mozambique, according to Africa Intelligence, signalling a potential revival of one of Africa's largest stranded gas developments. The project, anchored in the Rovuma Basin, has been stalled for years following a militant insurgency in Cabo Delgado province that forced TotalEnergies to declare force majeure on its neighbouring Area 1 development in 2021. ExxonMobil's renewed momentum, if confirmed, would represent a significant step toward unlocking the basin's vast offshore gas resources for global LNG markets.

The \$30 billion figure underscores the scale of the infrastructure required to bring Rovuma gas to export-ready LNG trains. Projects of this magnitude typically encompass upstream drilling campaigns, subsea gas gathering systems, onshore liquefaction facilities, and extensive marine loading infrastructure. ExxonMobil operates Area 4 in the Rovuma Basin through its Mozambique Rovuma Venture partnership, which also includes Eni and CNPC. However, the source article does not specify the current status of project financing, FID timing, or procurement activity, and those details should be treated as unconfirmed until formally announced.

The security situation in Cabo Delgado has shown gradual improvement following Rwandan and SADC military interventions, and the Mozambican government has continued to press international operators to commit to development timelines. ExxonMobil's preparatory work, as reported, suggests the operator may be positioning for a formal investment decision, though the article does not indicate that an FID has been taken or that tenders have been issued. This remains a pre-FID

situation, and the instrument at this stage is operator preparation and project advancement rather than a signed contract or open procurement.

For the broader Mozambique LNG sector, ExxonMobil's engagement matters beyond Area 4 alone. A credible \$30 billion commitment from a supermajor would likely restore investor confidence across the basin, support government revenues, and potentially unlock the infrastructure corridors — roads, ports, utilities — that both LNG projects depend on. It would also reinforce Mozambique's long-term positioning as a Southern African LNG export hub serving Asian and European buyers seeking supply diversification away from Russian gas.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor this story closely and invest in relationship-building with ExxonMobil's Mozambique Rovuma Venture procurement and engineering teams now, ahead of any formal tender release. No procurement outreach is warranted yet, as no FID or open tender has been confirmed by the article. When the project does move to FID, the scale of subsea infrastructure, FPSO or FSO requirements, and drilling campaigns would create substantial opportunities across multiple Norwegian supplier segments.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** A \$30bn LNG development of this scale would require significant subsea gas gathering and export infrastructure — Norwegian subsea contractors should begin mapping ExxonMobil's Area 4 scope and building local-content-compliant supplier credentials now.
- **LNG:** Norwegian LNG engineering and technology firms with liquefaction or marine loading expertise should position for pre-FEED and FEED engagement as ExxonMobil advances project preparation.
- **Drilling:** Appraisal and development drilling campaigns in the Rovuma Basin would require deepwater-capable rigs; Norwegian drilling contractors should monitor ExxonMobil's rig procurement signals closely.

- **Pipeline:** Onshore and near-shore gas trunkline infrastructure connecting subsea wells to liquefaction trains represents a potential scope for Norwegian pipeline engineering firms once FID is confirmed.
- **Service:**

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