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ADES signs \$93m Nigeria rig contract

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ADES has secured a drilling contract in Nigeria valued at \$93 million, according to reporting by Splash247. The deal marks a concrete commercial commitment in Nigeria's upstream drilling market, where rig demand has been building as operators push to maintain and grow production from existing fields while progressing new developments.

The contract award places ADES — a drilling contractor with a growing presence in African and Middle Eastern markets — directly into Nigeria's competitive rig space. Nigeria remains one of Africa's largest hydrocarbon producers, and sustained operator activity in both onshore and offshore environments has kept demand for capable drilling contractors steady. A \$93 million contract represents a meaningful programme, likely covering multiple wells or an extended period of rig deployment, though the source article does not specify well count, duration, client identity, or the geographic setting of the work.

For the broader Nigerian drilling services ecosystem, the award signals that operators are continuing to commit capital to well programmes despite the fiscal and regulatory uncertainties that have historically complicated doing business in the country. The Petroleum Industry Act has gradually improved the investment framework, and successive licensing rounds have placed more acreage under active development obligations, feeding through to drilling demand. ADES's win illustrates that international contractors are actively competing for and securing this work.

From a supply chain perspective, a rig contract of this scale typically draws on a wide range of well services — drilling fluids, directional drilling, wireline, cementing, completion equipment, and associated logistics. Norwegian service companies with

established well services capabilities or equipment supply lines into West Africa are operating in a market where contracted rig programmes generate predictable procurement cycles. The identity of the operator and the specific basin or field have not been disclosed in the available reporting, which limits immediate targeting but does not diminish the underlying market signal.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a signed contract, making it appropriate for Norwegian well-services and drilling-support companies to initiate supplier and procurement outreach toward ADES's Nigerian operations. Partners with mud engineering, directional drilling, wireline, or rig logistics capabilities should identify ADES's local procurement contacts and position early in the supply chain cycle. Monitoring follow-on operator disclosures for client identity and field location will sharpen targeting further.

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- **Drilling:** ADES's \$93m programme creates an immediate opening for Norwegian drilling-fluid, directional-drilling, and BHA suppliers to engage ADES procurement ahead of rig mobilisation.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If the contract involves offshore wells, Norwegian subsea equipment and riser-system providers should monitor operator announcements for completion and tie-back requirements.
- **Service:** Well-integrity, cementing, and wireline service companies should position with ADES's Nigerian supply chain now that a signed contract confirms active well operations.
- **Pipeline:** Depending on field location, flowline and pipeline-installation contractors should track operator disclosures for any associated production infrastructure needs linked to the drilling programme.

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