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## Nigeria targets 250,000 bopd from new licence holders

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Nigeria is targeting 250,000 barrels of oil per day in additional production from new oil licence holders, according to reporting by AIT Live citing the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC). The target signals the regulator's intent to translate recent licensing activity into measurable output gains as the country works to arrest a prolonged decline in crude production.

The NUPRC has been a central actor in Nigeria's push to re-energise upstream activity, having overseen licensing rounds and block awards under the framework established by the Petroleum Industry Act. The 250,000 bopd target from new licence holders represents a material increment for a country whose production has in recent years struggled to consistently reach its OPEC quota. Achieving that figure would require new licensees to move swiftly from award through appraisal and development into production — a sequence that demands significant capital commitment and operational capacity.

The article does not specify the number of licences involved, the identities of the new licence holders, the timeline over which the 250,000 bopd is expected to materialise, or whether the blocks in question are onshore, shallow-water, or deepwater. Those details will be critical in determining the nature and scale of service and infrastructure requirements that flow from this target.

For the Nigerian upstream sector, a 250,000 bopd production target tied to new entrants represents a potential wave of greenfield and brownfield development activity across the value chain — well drilling, completion, production facilities, and

in some cases export infrastructure. However, the instrument at this stage is a regulatory production target, not a contract or final investment decision. The gap between licensing ambition and funded, sanctioned development projects in Nigeria has historically been significant, and the pace at which new licence holders progress will depend on financing conditions, host community relations, and security in the operating environment.

## Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor NUPRC announcements closely to identify which new licence holders are advancing towards work programmes, appraisal drilling, or development planning, as those are the trigger points for procurement engagement. At this stage — a regulatory production target rather than a signed contract or FID — the appropriate action is relationship-building with emerging licensees and tracking the NUPRC licensing register for names and block locations. Outreach to procurement teams is premature until specific projects are sanctioned or tenders are issued.

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- **Drilling:** New licence holders will need drilling contractors and well services providers as they execute mandatory work programmes; identify licensee names early and position for rig and services tendering.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If any new licences cover offshore or deepwater acreage, FPSO leasing and subsea tie-back specialists should begin monitoring block locations as development concepts are defined.
- **Pipeline:** Incremental onshore or shallow-water production from new entrants may require gathering, trunkline, or export pipeline capacity — monitor for infrastructure gaps tied to new licence areas.
- **Service:** Well intervention, production chemistry, and operations support companies should track which new licensees are operationally active versus purely financial entrants to prioritise engagement.

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