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Mozambique LNG restarts all onshore and offshore operations

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Mozambique LNG has announced the full restart of all its onshore and offshore activities in Mozambique, according to a statement published by TotalEnergies. The announcement marks a significant operational milestone for one of Africa's most closely watched LNG developments, which had been suspended following a security deterioration in the Cabo Delgado province that forced a force majeure declaration in 2021.

The restart covers the full scope of activities at the Mozambique LNG project, encompassing both onshore construction and processing infrastructure as well as offshore operations. TotalEnergies, which operates the project, has not specified in the announcement the precise sequencing of activity resumption or revised timelines for first LNG cargo delivery, but the declaration of a full restart across all workstreams signals that operational momentum has been formally re-established.

Mozambique LNG is one of the largest LNG developments on the African continent, anchored by gas resources in the Rovuma Basin. The project had been in advanced construction stages before the security-related suspension, with substantial onshore civil and mechanical work already completed. A full restart implies the mobilisation of contractors, workforce, and supply chains across both the onshore liquefaction plant site near Afungi and the associated offshore gas production infrastructure.

For the broader Mozambican energy sector, the restart carries considerable weight. The country has positioned LNG exports as a central pillar of its long-term fiscal and development strategy, and prolonged delays had created uncertainty among project

lenders, government partners, and downstream offtakers. A full resumption of activities will likely trigger renewed engagement across the contractor and supplier ecosystem that had been placed in a holding pattern since the suspension.

Norwegian oil and gas service companies with existing exposure to Mozambique LNG — or those who had been tracking re-entry opportunities — should treat this announcement as a signal to accelerate relationship-building and market positioning. While no specific contracts or procurement processes have been announced in this article, a full-scale restart of a project of this magnitude will generate substantial demand across subsea tie-backs, FPSO support services, pipeline works, drilling services, and LNG plant construction and commissioning. The window between a restart announcement and active procurement mobilisation is typically short, making early positioning critical.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a restart announcement, not a signed contract or open tender, so direct procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian service companies should immediately re-engage their existing Mozambique LNG contacts and monitor TotalEnergies and project JV partner channels for contractor mobilisation notices, prequalification requests, and EOIs, which are likely to follow within months of a declared full restart.

PARTNER ANGLES

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Offshore activity resumption signals imminent need for subsea installation, inspection, and FPSO support services — monitor for vessel and ROV scope re-tenders.
- **Drilling:** Offshore gas production restart will require well intervention, drilling support, and rig mobilisation; track TotalEnergies rig contracting notices for Rovuma Basin.
- **LNG:** Onshore liquefaction plant resumption creates demand for LNG process engineering, commissioning support, and specialist technical services from firms with Atlantic Basin LNG credentials.
- **Pipeline:** Onshore and offshore pipeline reinstatement and integrity verification work is likely to be an early-stage procurement need as site activities resume.

- **Service:** Full restart across all workstreams will drive demand for logistics, HSE, maintenance, and workforce management services; Norwegian companies with African LNG track records should re-register with project procurement portals.

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