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Oil and Gas

NMDPRA ANNOUNCES PLANS TO ISSUE NEW GAS DISTRIBUTION LICENCES ALONG AKK CORRIDOR

The Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) has announced plans to issue a new phase of gas distribution licences along the Ajaokuta–Kaduna–Kano Pipeline Corridor to stimulate industrial development and deepen domestic gas utilisation in Northern Nigeria. According to the NMDPRA, the initiative builds on the 10 gas distribution licences issued in 2025, which currently serve approximately 430 customers through more than 535 kilometres of pipeline infrastructure, with a combined capacity of 442 MMSCF/D.
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MDGIF EXPANDS GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO WITH N430BN INVESTMENT

The Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund (MDGIF) has disclosed that it has committed over ₦430 billion to 31 gas infrastructure projects comprising 125 facilities across Nigeria, with about 10 facilities already commissioned and the remainder at various stages of development. The MDGIF also disclosed that it has acquired a 45% stake in the Rolling Energy project in Abuja, which forms part of an 18-facility network of mother stations, daughter stations and LNG unloading stations.
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NUPRC CONFIRMS 2026 OIL LICENSING BID ROUND WILL COMMENCE BY THIRD QUARTER OF 2026

The Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) disclosed that the 2026 oil licensing bid round will commence by the third quarter of 2026, following approval by the Minister of Petroleum Resources. NUPRC Chief Executive, Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, made this known during a visit by Meren Energy (formerly Africa Oil) to NUPRC's headquarters, noting that the commercial bid stage of the ongoing 2025 licensing round would take place in July, ahead of the launch of the 2026 bid round.
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NIGERIA'S CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION CLIMBS TO 1.53MBPD IN MAY

OPEC's latest Monthly Oil Market Report showed that Nigeria's average crude oil production rose to 1.530 million barrels per day (bpd) in May 2026 from 1.489 million bpd in April, marking the country's first return above its OPEC quota since mid-2025. The increase of 41,000 bpd (about 2.8% month-on-month) reinforced Nigeria's position as Africa's largest crude producer, ahead of Libya (1.30 million bpd), Algeria (982,000 bpd), Congo and Gabon, even as broader OPEC+ Declaration of Cooperation output declined.
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DOMESTIC GAS SALES RISE AS PRODUCTION REACHES 7.93BCF/D

Data published by the NUPRC showed that Nigeria's average daily gas production rose to 7.93 billion standard cubic feet per day (bcf/d) in May 2026, with domestic gas sales increasing to 2.18bcf/dfrom 2.03bcf/d in the previous month. Domestic sales accounted for 26.6% of total gas utilisation, while exports declined to 3.07bcf/d from 4.13bcf/d. The figures indicate an increase in domestic gas supply, consistent with the government's gas commercialisation objectives and growing demand from the power, industrial and manufacturing sectors. The data also highlights the increasing contribution of non-associated gas production to domestic supply, which marginally exceeded associated gas output during the reporting period.
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DOMESTIC PETROL PRODUCTION REACHES 48 MILLION LITRES PER DAY

The Special Adviser to the President on Oil and Gas, Olu Verheijen, disclosed that local petrol production has risen from effectively zero in 2023 to about 48 million litres per day, with petrol imports falling from ₦2.3 trillion in Q1 2025 to under ₦90 billion a year later. She noted that crude oil and condensate production averaged 1.64 million bpd in 2025, the highest onshore level in two decades, while over $4 billion in IOC divestments had been concluded.
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NMDPRA ISSUES NEW FUEL IMPORT PERMITS

The NMDPRA approved the issuance of fuel import permits covering the July-to-September 2026 period for petrol and diesel to petroleum products importers including Matrix Energy, AA Rano, AYM Shafa, Bono, Nipco and Pinnacle. AA Rano and Matrix Energy were each approved to import 180,000 metric tonnes of petrol, while Pinnacle was allocated 150,000 metric tonnes and AYM Shafa received an allocation of 120,000 metric tonnes. Total petrol import allocations are expected to exceed 800,000 metric tonnes once the approval process is concluded.
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NCDMB SETS FOURTH QUARTER OF 2026 AS OPERATIONAL DATE FOR BAYELSA OIL AND GAS PARK

The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) has reported that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Park Scheme at Emeyal-1 in Ogbia LGA, Bayelsa State, will become operational in Q4 2026, with a 2.5-megawatt power plant planned to support industrial activities at the facility. NCDMB's representative, Dr. Obinna Ezeobi, noted that key infrastructure, including manufacturing shop floors, a water treatment plant, accommodation facilities and training amenities, had already been completed, with the project reportedly expected to create over 2,000 jobs once fully operational.
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Electricity and Renewables

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NIGER STATE LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE SOLAR-POWERED INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Federal Government and the Niger State Government have launched what is expected to become Nigeria's largest solar-powered industrial park, following the allocation of 500 hectares of land in Sabon Wuse for its development. The project, to be developed by Abuja Steel Mills Limited, will be powered by a dedicated 200 MW solar mini-grid. Upon completion, the development is expected to strengthen the integration of clean energy into industrial production, create jobs and position Niger State as a key destination for energy-intensive investment.

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FG COMMISSIONS 505 KW MINI-GRID, ANNOUNCES 5 MW EXPANSION PLAN IN EPE

The Federal Government has commissioned a 505 kW interconnected solar mini-grid in Epe, Lagos State, and announced plans to expand the project by an additional 5 MW to serve more households, businesses and public institutions. Developed under the Rural Electrification Agency's interconnected mini-grid programme, the project is designed to supplement electricity supplied through the distribution network while improving reliability and reducing dependence on diesel generation.

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NERC'S NET BILLING FRAMEWORK OPENS MARKET FOR SURPLUS SOLAR POWER

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) recently released the Net Billing Regulations 2026, which establish a framework allowing eligible consumers to export excess electricity generated by solar energy systems to distribution companies (DisCos) in exchange for regulated credits. The scheme is available to grid-connected customers with systems ranging from 50 kWp to 1.5 MWp, subject to technical approval, registration with NERC and the execution of a net billing agreement.

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NEMSA UNVEILS TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR SOLAR MINI-GRID INTEGRATION

The Federal Government through the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency (NEMSA), in collaboration with Germany and the European Union, has launched new technical guidelines to standardise the integration of solar mini-grids with Nigeria's electricity distribution network. Developed under the Nigerian Energy Support Programme, the guidelines provide a framework for planning, designing, operating and interconnecting mini-grids with existing distribution infrastructure, with the aim of improving system reliability, ensuring technical compatibility and facilitating the seamless transition of isolated mini-grids into interconnected networks. The framework is expected to reduce regulatory and technical uncertainties for developers while supporting greater deployment of distributed renewable energy solutions.

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KAINJI EXPANSION PROJECT TO ADD 220MW TO NATIONAL GRID

Nigeria's electricity grid is set to receive an additional 220 MW of generation capacity following the commencement of transmission infrastructure works required to connect two new turbines at the Kainji Hydropower Plant. The Transmission Company of Nigeria has granted site access to Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited for the construction of two 330 kV transmission bays at the Kainji Transmission Substation, which will facilitate the evacuation of power from the new 110 MW Units IG3 and Ig4.

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LAGOS STATE CONSTITUTES LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR

The Lagos State Government has constituted the governing board and management team of the Lagos State Independent System Operator, marking another milestone in the implementation of the Lagos electricity market under the Lagos State Electricity Law. The newly established leadership will oversee the operation of the state grid, wholesale electricity market, and other key system functions, with the responsibility for ensuring the efficient, reliable, and transparent administration of the electricity market.

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Mining and Metals

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES EMERGE GRANT PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT MINERAL EXPLORATION

The Federal Government has launched the Early-Stage Mineral Exploration and Research Grant Endowment programme, known as EMERGE, to address the persistent funding gap in Nigeria's mining sector. Administered through the Solid Minerals Development Fund, the initiative will provide competitive grants across three key areas: early-stage mineral exploration, critical minerals development, and research and development, with funding available to explorers, universities and research institutions.
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NIGERIA ADVANCES $400M RARE EARTH PROCESSING PROJECT

As part of the government's broad strategy to transition from the export of raw minerals to domestic value addition, the Federal Government inspected a US$400 million rare earth and critical minerals processing facility in Nasarawa State. The project, being developed by Hasetins Commodities Limited, is expected to process up to 18,000 tonnes of rare earth minerals annually and produce inputs for industries including electric vehicles, renewable energy, electronics and defence.
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NIGERIA ATTRACTS $3BN IN NEW SOLID MINERALS INVESTMENTS

The Federal Government has disclosed that Nigeria's solid minerals sector has attracted approximately US$3 billion in investment commitments over the past three years, driven by reforms aimed at improving regulatory certainty and promoting local value addition. According to the Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dr. Henry Dele Alake, the inflows span lithium processing, steel production and other mineral development projects, reflecting growing investor confidence in the sector.
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KADUNA EMERGES AS STRATEGIC MINING HUB FOLLOWING MAJOR MINERAL DISCOVERIES

The Federal Government has confirmed the discovery of a significant polymetallic mineral province in Kaduna State containing commercially important deposits of lithium, gold, platinum group metals, nickel, copper and rare earth elements. According to the Minister of Solid Minerals Development, the discoveries, which have been verified by the Nigerian Geological Survey Agency, are expected to strengthen Kaduna's position as a mining and critical minerals hub and provide new opportunities for investment in exploration, processing and downstream value addition.
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