

Rovuma Gas Exploration

Project start-up preparations make progress

THE PROJECT to exploit natural gas in the Coral Sul fields continues to make progress, with the prospect of starting production next year.

To this end, the Italian oil company ENI announced yesterday the departure of eleven young Mozambican engineers to South Korea to undertake a six-month on-the-job training programme.

The training covers a wide range of oil and gas areas and aims to address the need for qualified professionals in this sector in the country. A second group of 14 Mozambicans will start their training at a gas facility in Tunisia at the end of June, with other groups already scheduled for the upcoming months.

The young Mozambicans are part of the "200 programme," launched by ENI in 2014 to facilitate and boost the participation of Mozambican staff in the company's energy projects.

A source from the Italian oil company pointed out that the group is part of 40 finalists recruited through selection campaigns conducted in 2019 and 2020, in various institutions of Higher Education.

The young people will be based in the city of Geoje, where the construction activities of the South Coral FLNG are ongoing, to familiarise themselves with the Floating Liquefaction Platform.

During their stay, they will be involved in daily operational activities so that they are ready to join the project when the South Coral operations start in Mozambique next year.

This initiative aims to improve the local content and skills development of Mozambicans and is part of the Italian oil company's commitment to contribute to the social and economic development of the communities and country in which it operates. ENI is the operator of the Coral Sul project, representing the Area 4 partners, namely ExxonMobil, CNPC, Galp, KOGAS and Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos.

The Coral Sul project will bring into production considerable resources from the Coral gas field, discovered by ENI in 2012, through six wells with a depth of about 2,000 metres, fed through a fully flexible system.

The FLNG platform is scheduled to start up in late 2021 and gas production in 2022.