

Revamped Jinja LPG plant prepares Uganda for local production

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TotalEnergies has said commissioning of its revamped Liquefied Petroleum Gas plant in Jinja is a strategic step in preparing the country for future local production of LPG.

Speaking at the launch, the TotalEnergies managing director, Olufemi Babajide, said the upgraded facility is not just about addressing current supply needs, but also about building the infrastructure required to support Uganda's emerging oil and gas sector.

"This refurbished plant re-affirms our commitment to lead the delivery of quality, reliable and clean energy to all Ugandans, especially as the country looks forward to achieving local production of LPG in the region," he said, noting that strengthening storage, handling, and distribution capacity today is critical to ensuring the country is ready to efficiently process and distribute LPG once domestic production begins.

Babajide also noted that the investment demonstrates TotalEnergies' long-term role in Uganda's energy transition and sustainable development through safe operations, efficient ser-

vices, and environmental stewardship.

The expansion of LPG infrastructure, including increased storage and bottling capacity at the Jinja plant, is widely viewed as a key step in transitioning Uganda from reliance on imports to handling locally produced gas in the future.

It also positions Uganda for an increase in clean energy usage.

A report by the Clean Cooking Alliance indicates that increased LPG storage capacity will help Uganda to stabilize supply chains, reduce import and logistics costs, and enable bulk handling and distribution, factors that are

particularly important for landlocked countries like Uganda.

Such investments also strengthen the downstream sector, positioning it to absorb locally refined or processed LPG once production comes onstream.

TotalEnergies' executive vice president for East and Central Africa, Biova Agbokou, said the enhanced efficiency and capacity of the Jinja facility support the company's global ambition of providing 100 million people in Africa and India with access to clean cooking by 2030.

"The facility shows our commitment to invest in supplying clean cooking

that is not only accessible but also reduces the risk of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases associated with traditional cooking methods," she said.

The development also aligns with Uganda's broader strategy to transition to cleaner energy sources while maximizing the benefits of its oil and gas resources.

Experts say that upgrading LPG infrastructure ahead of production will ensure that Uganda will be better positioned to integrate locally produced gas into the market, reduce reliance on imports, and improve affordability for consumers.

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Energy Minister Ruth Nankabirwa

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