



NIGER DELTA ? OIL COMPANIES ED KASHI

The industrial side of oil drilling is depicted in these images. Corporate well drilling and installation from companies like Total of France set up in the Niger Delta.

IMAGE 1

Aerial view of Bonny Island NLNG (Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas) terminal. This terminal is the largest of its kind in the Delta and is owned by a consortium of Shell, Exxon Mobil, Total of France, and Agip of Italy. Displaced to make room for this facility, the local village of Finima lies across the lagoon but none of the inhabitants work in the plant.

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Workers at a gas drilling installation for Total gas company in Rivers State. The lush jungle of the Delta lies untouched in the background.

IMAGE 5

Owned by Total of France, the Amenam Kpono oil platform emerges from the Atlantic Ocean off the Niger Delta coast.

IMAGE 6

Nigerian workers on the oil-drilling platform Baltic, which is about 25 miles offshore from the Niger Delta. It is owned and operated by Total.

IMAGE 7

Nigerian and expat oil workers monitor conditions from the control center of the Amenam Kpono oil platform off the Niger Delta in the Atlantic Ocean. This platform produces 125,000 barrels of oil a day for Total of France, and although it employs approximately 90% Nigerians, few of them are from the Niger Delta.

IMAGE 8

Total gas workers set up a gas drilling installation in Rivers State.

IMAGE 9

Employees work together to set up an oil drilling well for Total gas.

IMAGE 10

A view of the Total gas-drilling site in Rivers State. A Chinese contractor, ZPED, works with Nigerians and the French company to drill for gas. This field is part of the only onshore oil exploitation that Total has in the Niger Delta.

IMAGE 11

Total gas employees work on site at an oil drilling installation in Rivers State.

IMAGE 12

Felix Ozogbuda, 37, is a Niger Delta man who is a "roustabout" worker, which means he does all kinds of work on the rig.

IMAGE 13

An overhead view of a Total gas drilling installation site in Rivers State. Employees prepare the drilling pipes.

IMAGE 14

On board the FSO Unity (Floating Storage and Offloading) vessel, owned by Total of France. This vessel can store up to 2.4 million barrels of oil. Here the safety video is shown to new arrivals.

IMAGE 15

Aerial view of Total's Amenam Kpono oil platform, which produces 125,000 barrels of oil a day. This platform is 25 miles off the coast of Nigeria in the Atlantic ocean.

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