

## **The Court of Appeal of Abuja dismissed Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd's claim**

On 23 May 2025, the Court of Appeal of Abuja, Nigeria, unanimously ruled in favour of Eni, as well as other respondents, and dismissed Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd's claim over Oil Prospecting License (OPL) 245, setting aside the 2020 decision of the Abuja Federal High Court which had refused to strike out Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd's suit.

The Court of Appeal of Abuja has now upheld Eni's preliminary objections and held that the case was statute-barred and constituted an abuse of court process.

Eni acts in these proceedings through its Nigerian subsidiary "Nigerian Agip Exploration Limited".

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