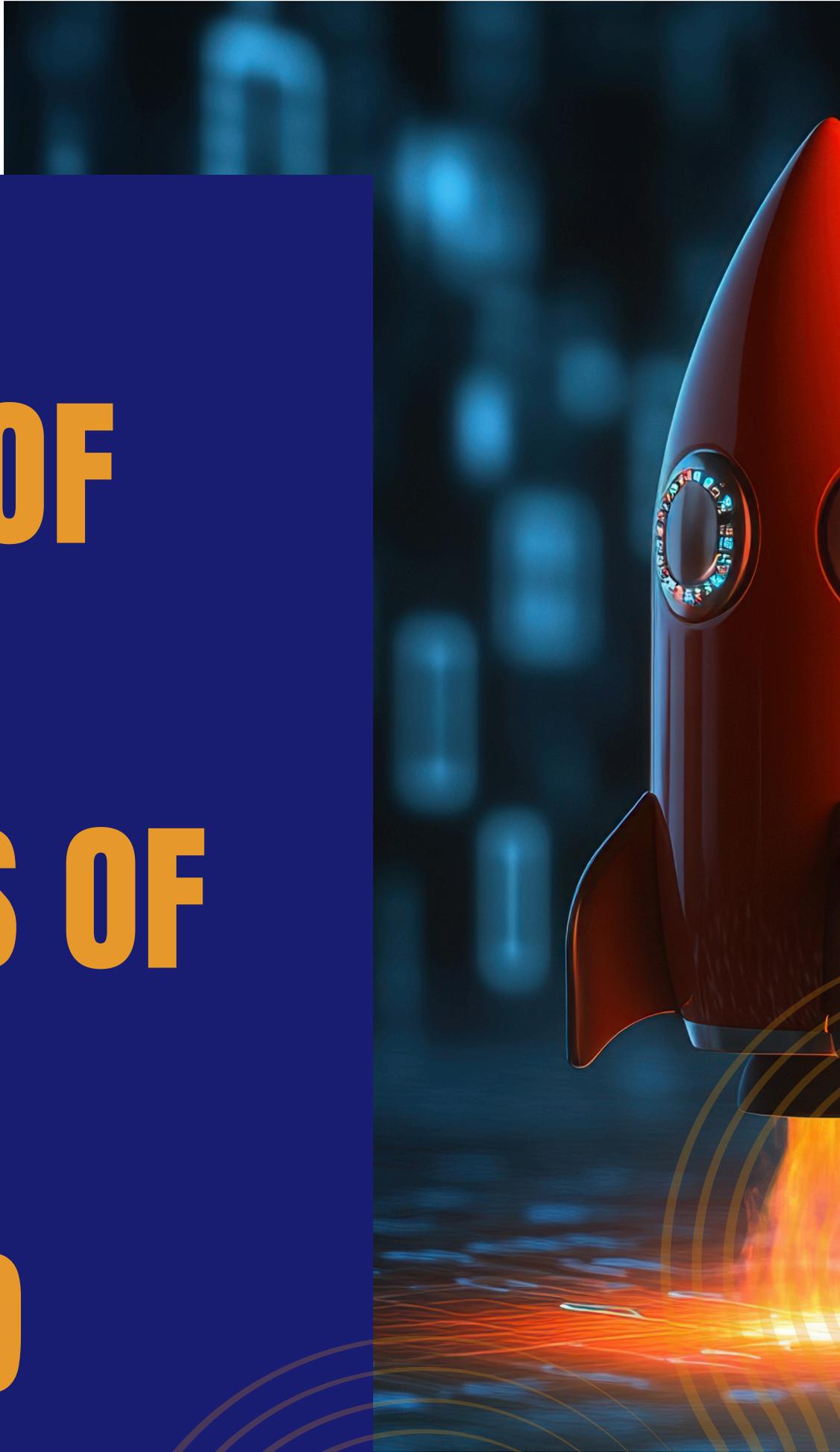


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HIGHLIGHT OF THE KEY PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.9



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On 13 February 2026, the Nigerian President signed the Presidential Executive Order to Safeguard Federation Oil and Gas Revenues and Provide Regulatory Clarity, 2026 ("Executive Order No. 9 of 2026"), aimed at preventing revenue losses and unconstitutional deductions to ensure more funds are available for the federal, state, and local governments. The Executive Order restores the constitutional revenue entitlements that were altered by the enactment of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), 2021.

The main provisions of the Executive Order include:

- The order mandates all government entitlements including Royalty Oil, Tax Oil, Profit Oil, and Profit Gas from Production Sharing Contracts and other arrangements be paid directly into the Federation Account with effect from 13th February 2026.
- NNPC Limited will no longer collect and manage the 30% Frontier Exploration Fund. All profits currently earmarked for this fund will henceforth be transferred to the Federation Account.
- NNPC Limited will also no longer be entitled to the 30% management fee on profit oil and profit gas revenues due to the Federation Account.



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- Payments of the Gas Flare Penalty into the Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund (MDGIF) are suspended. Proceeds from penalties for flaring gas shall be paid directly into the Federation Account, and any expenditure from the MDGIF must comply with public procurement laws.
- The Order Mandates NNPC Limited to operate strictly as a commercial enterprise, removing its dual role as both a concessionaire and commercial operator in Production Sharing Contracts to prevent competitive distortions.
- It establishes a joint project team for integrated operations, with the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) serving as the interface for licensees.
- The Order initiates a comprehensive review of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 to address identified fiscal and structural anomalies.
- The Order establishes an inter-agency committee chaired by the Minister of Finance to oversee the execution of these reforms.



Conclusion

Executive Order No. 9 of 2026 is a strategic intervention designed to remove overlapping and redundant provisions within the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) and the governing framework of NNPC Limited. By eliminating duplicate deductions, such as the 30% profit-sharing retentions, the Order restores constitutional compliance and safeguards revenues intended for the Federation Account. This ensures that all three tiers of government are adequately resourced to advance critical national priorities, while firmly positioning NNPC Limited as a transparent, fully commercial enterprise.

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