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TGS launches deepwater seismic programs off Côte d'Ivoire

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TGS has initiated major seismic reprocessing programs offshore Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau, targeting improved subsurface imaging of prospective deepwater acreage in both countries. The programs are designed to sharpen the geological picture for explorers evaluating frontier and emerging basins along the West African margin, where interest in deepwater blocks has been growing among international operators.

Seismic reprocessing — rerunning existing acquired data through advanced imaging algorithms — is a cost-effective way to extract higher-resolution subsurface models without the expense and lead time of a new acquisition campaign. TGS, one of the world's largest non-exclusive seismic data providers, is applying this approach to unlock additional value from already-surveyed acreage offshore these two West African states. The reprocessed datasets are expected to be marketed to companies active in or considering entry into the region.

Separately, TGS also extended its Prediktor Data Gateway agreement with Aker BP to support digital offshore operations in Norway. While that element of the announcement is outside Africa, it underscores TGS's broader strategy of combining data infrastructure services with subsurface intelligence — a capability set increasingly valued by operators looking to de-risk exploration decisions before committing capital to drilling programs.

For Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau, improved seismic imaging directly influences block valuations and farm-in appetite ahead of any future licensing rounds or acreage

transactions. Côte d'Ivoire has seen renewed offshore exploration interest in recent years following discoveries in neighbouring basins, while Guinea-Bissau remains a frontier jurisdiction with limited modern subsurface coverage. Better-quality data from TGS's reprocessing effort could materially change how prospective these basins appear to exploration-focused E&P companies.

The reprocessing programs represent an early-stage commercial instrument — no block awards, drilling commitments, or operator contracts are attached at this point. Their significance lies in the data layer they will create: the geological foundation that precedes leasing activity, farm-out negotiations, and ultimately drilling decisions. For service companies tracking West Africa, these programs signal that fresh exploration attention is being directed at these two jurisdictions, and that operator activity — should the reprocessed data prove encouraging — could follow within a multi-year horizon.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should monitor these reprocessing programs as leading indicators of future exploration drilling activity offshore Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau — no procurement opportunity exists yet, but improved seismic data typically precedes block awards and well commitments by one to three years. Relationship-building with operators who license the TGS datasets, and engagement with TGS itself on regional data commercialisation, is the appropriate posture at this stage. Drilling and well-services firms in particular should flag these jurisdictions for early positioning once operator interest translates into concrete work programs.

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- **Drilling:** Track which operators license the reprocessed datasets — these are the likely candidates to drill exploration wells offshore Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau within the next two to four years.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Improved deepwater imaging could de-risk acreage that, if drilled successfully, would require subsea production systems and floating production units — early engagement with potential operators is warranted.

- **Service:** Well-services and logistics companies with existing West Africa presence should map the TGS client base in the region to identify which E&P players are actively evaluating these frontier basins.
- **Pipeline:** Any commercially viable deepwater discovery offshore Côte d'Ivoire would require subsea pipeline and riser infrastructure; monitoring exploration outcomes from this data program is a sensible long-lead activity.

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