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DeepOcean wins Tullow Ghana riser retermination contract

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DeepOcean has secured a contract with Tullow Ghana Ltd, a subsidiary of UK-headquartered Tullow Oil, to carry out a riser retermination project offshore Ghana. The contract will deploy a recently upgraded subsea vessel to execute the scope of work, marking an active service engagement in West African waters.

The riser retermination project represents a signed contract — a direct, executable scope of work rather than a preliminary agreement or letter of intent. DeepOcean, a Norwegian-headquartered subsea services company with a strong track record in inspection, maintenance, and repair work, will bring upgraded vessel capability to bear on the assignment. The upgrade to the vessel in question positions DeepOcean competitively for technically demanding subsea intervention work of precisely this kind.

Tullow Ghana Ltd operates producing assets offshore Ghana, where subsea infrastructure supporting hydrocarbon production requires periodic maintenance, modification, and life-extension work. Riser retermination is a specialised intervention task that involves disconnecting and reconnecting riser systems — the conduits linking seabed infrastructure to floating or fixed surface facilities — typically undertaken to address wear, fatigue, or configuration changes. The contract reflects ongoing operator investment in sustaining production integrity on existing fields rather than greenfield development.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies, this contract is a concrete signal that Tullow's Ghana operations remain actively maintained and that the operator is willing

to commit budgets to subsea integrity work. DeepOcean's involvement demonstrates that Norwegian-affiliated subsea specialists are competitive for this class of work in West Africa. Peer companies with complementary subsea intervention capabilities — including remotely operated vehicle services, subsea engineering, and marine spread management — should note that active procurement for integrity and life-extension scopes is ongoing in the Ghanaian offshore market.

The award also underlines a broader trend of operators in West Africa prioritising brownfield integrity and production optimisation over new-build developments in the current capital discipline environment. For service companies tracking entry points into Ghana's offshore sector, Tullow's willingness to engage specialist contractors for discrete, high-skill scopes such as riser retermination suggests a procurement model that is accessible to focused niche providers — not exclusively to large integrated contractors. Monitoring Tullow Ghana's forthcoming maintenance and modification pipeline, and establishing relationships with the operator's supply chain team in Accra or Aberdeen, represents a practical next step for Norwegian service firms positioned in subsea inspection, maintenance, and repair.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

DeepOcean's signed contract with Tullow Ghana confirms live procurement activity for subsea integrity work on Ghana's producing offshore assets. Norwegian subsea service companies offering complementary IRM, ROV, or marine spread capabilities should monitor Tullow Ghana's brownfield maintenance pipeline closely and prioritise relationship-building with the operator's supply chain contacts. Direct procurement outreach is warranted for firms with relevant vessel or intervention credentials, given a contract is already placed and further scopes are likely.

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- **Subsea/FPSO:** Subsea IRM specialists can benchmark DeepOcean's scope and approach Tullow Ghana's supply chain for upcoming riser, flowline, or umbilical integrity campaigns on producing fields.
- **Drilling:** Well services companies should monitor whether riser retermination activity signals broader well intervention or workover planning on Tullow Ghana's asset base.

- **Service:** ROV and subsea survey firms can position for supporting roles on this and similar brownfield integrity contracts, where multi-vendor scopes are common.
- **Pipeline:** Pipeline and flexible riser inspection specialists should note that operator spend on riser integrity offshore Ghana is active and budget-approved, creating near-term entry points.

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