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Chevron Nargis-2 confirms 35 m gas pay offshore Egypt

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Chevron's Nargis-2 appraisal well in the Egyptian Mediterranean has encountered up to 35 metres of net gas pay, according to Egypt's Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources. The result builds directly on the Nargis-1 discovery, confirming that the gas-bearing reservoirs identified in that earlier well extend further into the structure than initially mapped. Nargis-2 also intersected a new gas-bearing interval characterised by good reservoir properties, strengthening the case for a commercially meaningful accumulation.

The Nargis-2 well spudded in May, and the appraisal programme is part of Chevron's broader push to delineate the Nargis find in the offshore Egyptian Mediterranean. Egypt's Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources released the results, signalling the government's active interest in advancing appraisal activity in the area. The confirmation of reservoir continuity and an additional pay zone are material data points for any future development planning, though no formal development decision or field development plan has been announced at this stage.

Egypt's Mediterranean offshore has attracted sustained operator attention given the country's existing gas export infrastructure and domestic demand backdrop. The Nargis appraisal sits within that strategic context, and positive well results at this stage keep the project moving along the pre-development curve. The instrument here is an appraisal well result — not a block award, FID, or signed contract — meaning the project remains in the delineation phase with commercialisation decisions still ahead.

For the Norwegian service sector, the Nargis programme is worth tracking closely. A multi-well appraisal campaign in the offshore Mediterranean, operated by a major with Chevron's capital depth, could generate drilling services, well-testing, and subsea surveying demand in relatively near-term windows if the appraisal continues to deliver positive results. The step from confirmed reservoir continuity to a development concept decision is the key commercial trigger to monitor. Norwegian companies with relationships in Chevron's Mediterranean supply chain should use this period to position themselves ahead of any procurement activity that would follow a development greenlight.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The Nargis appraisal is pre-FID and no contracts have been announced, so procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian service companies should monitor appraisal progress and use this period to strengthen relationships within Chevron's Mediterranean and Egypt-focused supply chain. If a third appraisal well or development concept study is announced, that is the signal to escalate engagement.

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- **Drilling:** A continuing multi-well appraisal campaign creates near-term opportunity for drilling services and wellbore data acquisition providers to pre-position with Chevron's Egypt drilling team.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Reservoir continuity confirmed across two wells supports future subsea tieback or standalone development concepts — subsea contractors should begin early concept engagement once a development study is initiated.
- **Service:** Well-testing and reservoir characterisation specialists can offer value-added services during ongoing appraisal, particularly given the identification of a new gas-bearing interval requiring detailed evaluation.
- **Pipeline:** Offshore Mediterranean gas finds in Egypt typically target existing or new pipeline export routes — pipeline engineering firms should monitor development concept announcements for early involvement opportunities.

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