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Tullow hires DeepOcean for Jubilee riser work

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Tullow Ghana has awarded DeepOcean a contract to reterminate a gas lift riser connecting the FPSO Kwame Nkrumah to the Jubilee subsea system, with offshore execution scheduled for Q4 2026. The contract is signed, confirming DeepOcean as the appointed subsea contractor for this specific scope of work at one of West Africa's flagship producing fields.

The Jubilee field has been in production for well over a decade and gas lift infrastructure is central to maintaining reservoir pressure and sustaining output rates. Reterminal work of this nature involves disconnecting and reconnecting a riser at one or both ends — a technically demanding intervention that requires specialist vessels, tooling, and diver or ROV support depending on the water depth and configuration. The work scope, as described, links the FPSO's topside gas lift systems to the subsea infrastructure below.

DeepOcean is a Norwegian-headquartered subsea contractor with established capabilities in inspection, maintenance, and repair operations across multiple offshore regions. Its selection by Tullow Ghana for this Jubilee intervention reflects the operator's need for proven riser and umbilical expertise, and underlines the continuing demand for specialist subsea services at mature West African fields where aging infrastructure requires periodic remediation and upgrade work.

With offshore mobilisation targeted for Q4 2026, there is a defined execution window that will drive procurement and vessel scheduling activity in the near term. Tullow Ghana operates the Jubilee field as part of a joint venture, and capital discipline has

been a feature of the operator's programme in recent years, making targeted brownfield interventions like this a characteristic part of its asset management strategy.

For Norwegian service companies, this contract signals active subsea maintenance spend at Jubilee and reinforces that Tullow Ghana is commissioning specialist work ahead of a confirmed offshore campaign. DeepOcean's appointment covers the riser retermination scope specifically, but campaigns of this type typically generate adjacent requirements — vessel support, ROV services, survey, and inspection — that may be sourced separately.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

DeepOcean is a signed contractor on this campaign, so direct procurement outreach to DeepOcean's project team is warranted for Norwegian companies offering complementary vessel support, ROV spread, or subsea survey services for a Q4 2026 offshore window. Norwegian suppliers with West Africa mobilisation capability and relevant riser or umbilical track record should engage DeepOcean's supply chain now, as offshore campaigns of this scale typically lock in subcontractors 6-12 months ahead. Tullow Ghana's broader asset management programme at Jubilee is also worth monitoring for follow-on IRM scopes.



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- **Subsea/FPSO:** DeepOcean's riser retermination campaign will require vessel and ROV spread; Norwegian operators with West Africa-capable construction or IMR vessels should contact DeepOcean's procurement team ahead of Q4 2026 mobilisation.
- **Service:** Subsea survey, as-built verification, and pre- and post-installation inspection are standard adjacents to riser retermination; Norwegian inspection and survey firms should register interest with DeepOcean for this Jubilee campaign.

- **Drilling:** Gas lift optimisation at Jubilee may prompt Tullow to review well intervention scopes alongside riser work; drilling service companies should monitor Tullow Ghana's workover and well services pipeline for 2026.
- **Pipeline:** Riser retermination involves integrity assessment of connected flowline systems; Norwegian pipeline integrity specialists should track whether Tullow Ghana issues separate scopes for Jubilee subsea system inspections in parallel with this campaign.

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