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OMV spuds Libya Marwa well late November

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OMV has confirmed plans to spud its first exploration well at the Marwa prospect in Libya's Contract Area 103/3 (NC74B) by the end of November, following a technical meeting with the National Oil Corporation's (NOC) Exploration Department. The well is designed to reach a total depth of approximately 6,500 ft (1,981 m).

The Marwa well represents OMV's first exploration drilling activity at Contract Area 103/3, also designated NC74B. The confirmation came through a formal technical review with NOC's Exploration Department, underscoring the state company's direct involvement in overseeing exploration milestones across its acreage portfolio.

Libya has been working to revive upstream activity after years of political instability that curtailed investment and production. International operators including OMV have maintained or re-established positions in the country as security conditions in certain regions have stabilised sufficiently to resume field operations. The NOC has actively pursued engagement with international partners to accelerate exploration drilling and restore output capacity.

At 6,500 ft total depth, the Marwa well is a relatively shallow target by regional standards, which typically implies lower drilling complexity and shorter rig cycle times compared with deeper structural plays. The well's scope — a single exploration borehole to test the Marwa prospect — means the immediate service requirement centres on the drilling package itself: rig provision, drilling fluids, wellbore services, logging while drilling, and well evaluation. Should the well encounter hydrocarbons and progress toward appraisal or development, broader service demand across

completions, production facilities, and potentially export infrastructure would follow at a later stage.

The late-November spud target places first results within Q1 2026 at the earliest, depending on drilling pace and any operational contingencies. NOC's engagement at the technical-meeting level suggests active monitoring of the programme, which is standard practice for the corporation when international partners advance toward drilling commitments on awarded acreage.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The confirmed late-November spud creates an immediate procurement window for drilling services on a shallow well (6,500 ft) in Libya — Norwegian well-services, drilling-fluids, and wireline/LWD companies should monitor OMV's Libya supply chain for near-term subcontract opportunities. Relationship-building with OMV's upstream procurement team is advisable now, ahead of any appraisal or development phase that would require broader service scope.

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- **Drilling:** Shallow 6,500 ft well suits mid-range rig capability; Norwegian drilling contractors or rig managers with MENA/North Africa track records should confirm OMV's rig-award status and subcontract openings.
- **Service:** Wireline, LWD, and drilling-fluids providers face a short lead time to position for the Marwa well given the late-November spud target — verify OMV Libya's approved-vendor list status now.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No offshore scope at this stage; monitor well results before assessing any production-facility opportunity.
- **Pipeline:** Export and gathering infrastructure needs are speculative until exploration results confirm commercial hydrocarbons; flag for future monitoring.

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