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# Repsol drills second Murzuq well after 764 bpd Kobra test

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Repsol is advancing exploration in Libya's Murzuq basin after the Kobra well tested at approximately 764 barrels per day, with a second exploration well planned for 2027. The Spanish operator is working in partnership with Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) to bring the Kobra well into production.

The Murzuq basin, located in southwestern Libya, is an established onshore hydrocarbon province. Repsol's current activity signals renewed operator confidence in the basin's exploration potential following years of interrupted activity in Libya. The Kobra test result, while modest, is sufficient to justify a follow-up drilling campaign, with the next well scheduled within two years.

Libya's NOC has been working to attract and retain international operators as the country seeks to rebuild upstream momentum. Repsol's continued commitment to the Murzuq acreage represents one of the more active international partnerships currently underway in Libyan exploration. Bringing Kobra online and progressing toward the 2027 well will require sustained operational coordination between Repsol and the NOC across drilling, well completions, and surface infrastructure.

The 2027 exploration well timeline provides a defined near-term milestone for the programme. Outcomes from the Kobra production tie-in and the forthcoming well will likely shape the broader development trajectory for Repsol's Murzuq position and could influence NOC's approach to awarding further acreage in the basin.

## Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The programme is at an early exploration stage — Kobra is not yet online and the 2027 well is untendered — so Norwegian well services and drilling companies should monitor rather than pursue active procurement outreach. As the Kobra tie-in progresses and the 2027 well approaches sanction, openings for directional drilling, well completion, and wellhead equipment supply may emerge via Repsol or NOC procurement channels.

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- **Drilling:** The 2027 Murzuq exploration well will require a land or desert drilling rig and associated drilling services — monitor Repsol and NOC tender notices as the campaign approaches.
- **Well Services:** Bringing Kobra online will involve well completion and testing services; Norwegian well services companies should track NOC and Repsol procurement for this scope.
- **Pipeline:** Surface tie-in and flow line infrastructure for Kobra production could create near-term pipeline and facilities scopes once the well is sanctioned for development.
- **Service:** Oilfield services companies with onshore North Africa operational track records should register with NOC and Repsol Libya procurement ahead of the 2027 well campaign.

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