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Azule Energy Issues EOI for DPDA Drilling Unit Offshore Angola

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Azule Energy has issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of offshore drilling services through a Dynamic Positioning Dual Activity (DPDA) Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU). The EOI was published on 12 June 2026, with a closing date of 25 June 2026, giving prospective service providers a narrow two-week window to register their interest.

Azule Energy, the Angola-focused upstream joint venture, operates one of the most active drilling programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa. A DPDA MODU is a high-specification asset capable of conducting simultaneous drilling and completion or workover operations, and its selection signals demand for efficient, high-throughput well delivery. The EOI covers a list of activities that prospective contractors are invited to review and respond to, though the full scope and contract duration have not been disclosed in the published notice.

For Norwegian and international oil and gas service companies, this EOI represents a concrete market entry point into one of the continent's most technically demanding offshore environments. Angola's deepwater sector has historically required top-tier drilling assets and experienced operational teams, and Azule's procurement process is consistent with that tradition. Companies with DPDA MODU availability, or those positioned to support such units through drilling services, equipment supply, or integrated well services, should treat this as a near-term commercial opportunity.

The short EOI window underscores the importance of having pre-qualified or pre-positioned relationships with Azule Energy's supply chain organisation. Companies that have not yet engaged with Azule's vendor registration systems may find the 25 June deadline difficult to meet, but participation in this EOI can nonetheless establish

a relationship for subsequent tender rounds. The activity list referenced in the notice suggests a multi-well or multi-campaign scope, though this is not confirmed in the available information.

Norwegian service companies active in drilling, well services, MODU operations support, and associated subsea or completion services should monitor this opportunity closely. Angola remains a priority market for Azule, and procurement activity of this nature is typically a precursor to formal tender issuance. Engaging early in the EOI phase is the standard pathway to preferred bidder status in Angolan offshore procurement.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian companies with access to DPDA MODU assets or supporting well services capacity should respond to this EOI before the 25 June 2026 deadline to enter Azule's formal tender pipeline. Those not yet vendor-registered with Azule should initiate that process immediately, as Angola remains one of the most active deepwater drilling markets in Sub-Saharan Africa. Saga can assist partners in framing their EOI submissions and identifying the right Azule procurement contacts.



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- **Drilling:** Companies owning or operating DPDA MODUs should submit directly to this EOI, as it is an explicit procurement signal for a high-specification drilling unit in Angolan waters.
- **Well Services:** Drilling fluids, cementing, completions, and wellbore services providers should engage as potential subcontractors to whichever MODU operator wins the primary contract.

- **Subsea/FPSO:** Subsea equipment and intervention specialists should monitor the activity list for any completion or workover scopes that may accompany the primary drilling campaign.
- **Service:** Logistics, personnel, and maintenance service companies supporting offshore drilling operations in Angola should use this EOI as a trigger to refresh their Azule vendor registrations.

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