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# Baker Hughes Wins Azule Energy Subsea Contract for Angola's Greater PAJ Project

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Baker Hughes has been awarded a contract by Azule Energy to supply subsea production systems for the Greater PAJ project, an offshore oil development located in Angola's Blocks 31 and 31/21. The award underscores continued upstream investment activity in Angola, one of Sub-Saharan Africa's most established deepwater producers, and signals that major operators remain committed to developing the country's offshore reserves.

Azule Energy, the joint venture between BP and Eni that operates as Angola's largest oil producer, is advancing the Greater PAJ project as part of its broader portfolio development strategy in the country. The selection of Baker Hughes to deliver subsea production systems reflects the technical complexity and scale of the development, which spans two adjacent blocks. Subsea production systems typically encompass trees, manifolds, controls, and associated infrastructure that form the backbone of offshore production operations.

Angola has consistently been a priority market for international oil and gas service companies operating across Sub-Saharan Africa. The country's regulatory environment, anchored by national oil company Sonangol and the National Oil, Gas and Biofuels Agency (ANPG), has in recent years moved to attract renewed foreign investment through licensing rounds and fiscal adjustments. The Greater PAJ project represents the kind of long-cycle, capital-intensive development that generates

sustained demand for a broad range of subsea, FPSO, drilling, and well services over multiple years.

For Norwegian service companies, Angola's offshore sector remains one of the most technically demanding and commercially significant arenas in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Baker Hughes contract award is a clear signal that the supply chain for Greater PAJ is beginning to take shape. While the primary subsea production systems scope has been secured by Baker Hughes, large-scale offshore developments of this nature typically require a wide ecosystem of subcontractors and specialist service providers across installation, hook-up, commissioning, and integrity management. Norwegian firms with track records in subsea installation, FPSO integration, pipeline engineering, and well intervention should treat this award as a starting point for identifying where their capabilities fit within the broader project execution plan.

The timing of the contract also aligns with a broader regional trend of operators fast-tracking offshore developments in West Africa to maximise output before energy transition pressures intensify. Angola, alongside Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea, continues to attract significant subsea capital expenditure, and developments like Greater PAJ are expected to anchor service demand in the region through the late 2020s and into the 2030s. Norwegian companies already active in Angola through local partnerships or Sonangol relationships are best positioned to convert this market momentum into tangible commercial opportunities.

## Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian subsea and FPSO specialists should monitor the Greater PAJ project closely as subcontracting and installation scopes are likely to be tendered progressively alongside the Baker Hughes systems delivery. Companies with existing Angola presence or Azule Energy relationships are well placed to engage now, while those without a local footprint should consider partnership structures with established Angolan entities to meet local content requirements. This project warrants active monitoring and early pre-qualification positioning rather than a passive wait-and-see approach.



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- **Subsea:** Subsea installation and hook-up contractors should engage early to position for tie-in and commissioning scopes that will follow the Baker Hughes systems delivery on Blocks 31 and 31/21.
- **FPSO:** FPSO owners and integrators should assess whether Greater PAJ's production profile requires a new-build or converted floating production unit, representing a potential long-term charter and operations opportunity.
- **Drilling:** Drilling contractors and well services companies should track development well campaigns associated with Greater PAJ, as multi-well offshore programmes in Angola typically require sustained rig commitments.
- **Pipeline:** Pipeline and umbilical engineering firms should monitor flowline and control systems scopes that are standard components of large subsea developments but sit outside the Baker Hughes production systems award.
- **Service:** Integrity management and inspection companies should prepare for long-term service agreements tied to Greater PAJ's subsea infrastructure once the field moves toward first production.

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