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SIA Wins EPCI Contract for ExxonMobil Angola Block 15 Redevelopment

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Subsea Integration Alliance (SIA) has secured an engineering, procurement, construction, and installation (EPCI) contract from ExxonMobil for the Redevelopment 2.0 Likembe Project, located in Angolan Block 15 deepwater acreage. The award marks a significant step forward in ExxonMobil's strategy to extend production life from one of Angola's most prolific offshore blocks, which has been producing since the early 2000s and remains a cornerstone of the country's hydrocarbon output.

Block 15 sits in water depths broadly ranging from 400 to over 1,500 metres off Angola's northern coastline, placing the Likembe redevelopment firmly in deepwater territory and demanding high-specification subsea engineering, installation vessels, and project management capabilities. SIA — a partnership between Subsea 7 and OneSubsea, the subsea technologies business of SLB — brings integrated EPCI competency across flowlines, umbilicals, risers, and associated structures, which is consistent with the complex tie-back architectures typical of mature deepwater redevelopment campaigns.

The Redevelopment 2.0 designation signals that ExxonMobil is pursuing incremental recovery from existing reservoir infrastructure rather than a greenfield development, a financially disciplined approach increasingly favoured by international oil companies managing capital allocation across global portfolios. This strategy typically involves new subsea tiebacks to existing floating production systems,

optimised well completions, and upgraded subsea processing — all of which carry substantial contracting and supply-chain implications for service providers active in Angolan waters. ExxonMobil operates Block 15 alongside partners including Angola's national oil company Sonangol, and the project aligns with Angola's broader ambition to sustain and grow offshore production volumes above one million barrels per day.

Angola continues to represent one of Sub-Saharan Africa's most technically demanding and commercially active deepwater environments. The government in Luanda has maintained a supportive regulatory posture toward offshore investment, offering fiscal incentives and streamlined licensing processes designed to attract incremental capital into mature fields. For international service companies, Angola's established deepwater infrastructure, skilled local contractor base, and proximity to West African regional logistics hubs make it an operationally accessible market — even as local content requirements under Decreto Legislativo Presidencial No. 3/12 continue to shape contracting strategies.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian subsea and FPSO-oriented service companies should monitor this award closely, as EPCI contracts of this scope typically generate a cascade of sub-contract opportunities in fabrication, inspection, survey, and marine services that SIA will need to source regionally and internationally. Companies with established Angola track records — particularly in deepwater survey, ROV operations, or subsea hardware supply — are well-positioned to approach SIA's procurement teams directly. Those without Angola presence should treat this as a signal that Block 15 activity is accelerating and begin market-entry preparation now.



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- **Subsea:** ROV operators and subsea inspection firms can pursue sub-contract roles under SIA's EPCI scope for installation support and post-lay surveys on Likembe tieback infrastructure.
- **FPSO:** If Likembe production ties back to an existing FPSO, Norwegian topside modification and marine systems suppliers should assess whether the host vessel requires capacity or equipment upgrades.
- **Drilling:** Redevelopment drilling campaigns typically accompany EPCI awards; Norwegian well services companies should engage ExxonMobil Angola and Sonangol on upcoming infill well programmes.
- **Pipeline:** Flowline and umbilical fabrication sub-contracts are central to any deepwater EPCI programme and represent a direct entry point for Norwegian pipeline engineering firms.
- **Service:** Logistics, marine vessel support, and deepwater survey companies should contact SIA's Angola procurement team early, as local and regional sourcing decisions are typically made in the EPCI mobilisation phase.

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