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# Angola LNG and Chevron Sanha Complex Face Extended Shutdown to August 2026

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The Angola LNG (ALNG) plant located in Soyo, Zaire province, along with Chevron's Sanha Complex and associated FPSO, are all shut down as part of coordinated maintenance campaigns, with operations not expected to resume until August 9, 2026. The simultaneous outage across these major upstream and midstream assets represents a significant, albeit planned, interruption to Angola's LNG export capacity and offshore production from the Sanha complex.

The ALNG plant in Soyo is one of Angola's flagship gas monetisation facilities, processing associated gas from offshore fields and exporting LNG to international markets. Chevron's Sanha Complex, which feeds into the broader value chain, includes an FPSO unit that plays a central role in gathering and processing hydrocarbons from the area. The decision to align maintenance windows across both the plant and the offshore complex suggests a deliberately coordinated shutdown strategy, likely designed to minimise cumulative production losses by consolidating downtime rather than running sequential campaigns.

Extended planned shutdowns of this nature — stretching across multiple months — typically involve substantial inspection, repair, and upgrade scopes across topsides, subsea infrastructure, rotating equipment, process systems, and safety-critical instrumentation. For a fully integrated LNG value chain like Angola's Soyo corridor, the logistics and technical scope of such a turnaround are considerable, often requiring specialist contractors across multiple disciplines working in parallel.

For the broader Angolan energy sector, the timing and duration of the shutdown will be closely watched by market participants. Angola has been working to stabilise and grow its LNG export volumes in recent years, and any prolonged outage has implications for cargo scheduling and revenue. The return to full operations by August 9, 2026 marks a firm target date that operators and service providers will be planning around.

Norwegian service companies with established footholds in Angola should treat this maintenance window as both a near-term commercial opportunity and a monitoring priority. Turnaround campaigns of this scale and duration demand a wide range of specialist services — from subsea inspection and integrity management on the FPSO and associated infrastructure, to topside mechanical, instrumentation, and rotating equipment work at the Soyo plant. Companies already pre-qualified with ALNG or Chevron Angola are best positioned to capture scope in the current campaign, while others should use this period to advance qualification processes ahead of the next cycle.

### **Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga**

Norwegian service companies specialising in FPSO maintenance, subsea inspection, and rotating equipment services should assess their current qualification status with ALNG and Chevron Angola and pursue active engagement given the scale of this combined turnaround. The August 2026 restart date provides a clear planning horizon for mobilisation and resource allocation. Companies not yet active in Angola should monitor this situation as a potential entry point, since major turnarounds often open doors for new vendors.

#### **PARTNER ANGLES**

- **FPSO:** The Sanha FPSO shutdown creates a direct opportunity for Norwegian FPSO maintenance and integrity management contractors to bid on topsides and hull inspection scopes during the extended campaign.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Subsea inspection and intervention specialists should evaluate whether the Sanha Complex shutdown includes subsea infrastructure work, as coordinated outages often bundle riser, flowline, and umbilical inspections.

- **LNG:** Norwegian companies with LNG plant maintenance expertise — particularly in rotating equipment, heat exchangers, and process safety systems — should engage ALNG directly regarding turnaround contractor opportunities at the Soyo facility.
- **Service:** Specialist integrity and non-destructive testing (NDT) firms should position themselves for inspection campaigns across both the offshore complex and onshore plant, where regulatory compliance work is typically a mandatory element of planned shutdowns.
- **Drilling:** If the shutdown period is used to conduct any well intervention or workover activity on Sanha-area wells, Norwegian well services companies should monitor for tender activity through Chevron Angola's procurement channels.

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