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Chevron Strikes Oil and Gas Condensate at Angola Block 0 Exploration Well

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Chevron, operating through its subsidiary Cabinda Gulf Oil Company (CABGOC), has announced a discovery of oil and gas condensate at the 105-4X exploration well in Block 0 offshore Angola. The find adds to Angola's ongoing offshore exploration activity and signals continued operator confidence in the country's hydrocarbon potential.

Block 0 is one of Angola's most historically productive offshore areas, and CABGOC's role as operator underscores the block's strategic importance to Chevron's African portfolio. The discovery of both oil and gas condensate at the 105-4X well suggests a mixed hydrocarbon system, which may influence how any future development is designed and phased — particularly regarding condensate handling and associated gas management infrastructure.

Angola remains one of Sub-Saharan Africa's premier upstream destinations, and new discoveries within established blocks like Block 0 typically follow a faster development timeline than frontier exploration, given that existing infrastructure and regulatory frameworks are already in place. For service companies already active in Angolan waters, a new well result of this nature is an early indicator of potential future workscopes, including appraisal drilling, subsurface studies, and ultimately field development planning.

The article does not specify the water depth of the 105-4X well, the estimated resource volumes associated with the discovery, or Chevron's immediate development

intentions. Norwegian service companies and their local partners should monitor follow-up announcements from CABGOC and Angola's national oil company, Sonangol, for appraisal well decisions and any formal development concept announcements. The presence of gas condensate alongside oil also raises questions about gas monetisation pathways — whether via reinjection, LNG, or domestic use — which will shape the infrastructure requirements of any eventual project.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies with an existing Angola presence should treat this discovery as an early-stage monitoring opportunity, particularly those active in drilling, well services, and subsea engineering. If Chevron moves to appraisal and development, Block 0's offshore setting creates openings across subsea, FPSO, and well services segments. Companies not yet active in Angola should use this signal to assess entry options through local Angolan partners or Sonangol-aligned joint ventures.

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- **Drilling:** Appraisal drilling of the 105-4X discovery is a logical next step; drilling contractors and well services companies should position early with CABGOC procurement teams.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** A mixed oil and condensate system may require dedicated subsea tiebacks or a standalone FPSO concept; subsea and FPSO specialists should monitor Chevron's development concept selection process.
- **LNG:** The presence of gas condensate raises the question of associated gas handling; LNG or gas processing equipment suppliers should track whether Chevron pursues monetisation beyond reinjection.
- **Service:** Well testing, fluid sampling, and reservoir characterisation services will be needed at the appraisal stage, offering near-term entry points for well services firms already mobilised in Angolan waters.
- **Pipeline:** If the discovery is tied back to existing Block 0 infrastructure, pipeline inspection and integrity management services may be required to assess capacity for additional production volumes.

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