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TotalEnergies Secures Block 32 Angola Development Rights Through 2043

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TotalEnergies has signed an Agreement of Principles establishing the general terms for the continuous development of Block 32 offshore Angola, extending the French major's operational mandate on the deepwater block through 2043. The agreement signals a long-term commitment to one of Angola's most productive deepwater assets and underscores the country's continued relevance as a premier deepwater frontier in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Block 32 is located in the Lower Congo Basin in water depths ranging from approximately 1,500 to 2,800 metres, making it one of the more technically demanding deepwater developments on the continent. The block is operated by TotalEnergies and has been in production since the Kaombo project achieved first oil in 2018. Kaombo Norte and Kaombo Sul, the two FPSOs deployed on the block, together represent a combined production capacity of around 230,000 barrels of oil per day, placing Block 32 among the largest deepwater developments in Africa.

The extension through 2043 provides TotalEnergies and its partners — which include Sonangol, Sonangol Sinopec International, Esso Exploration Angola, and others — with the fiscal and contractual certainty needed to sanction further infill drilling campaigns, subsea tiebacks, and potential new development phases. Angola's government has been actively working to halt production decline across its mature deepwater portfolio, and this agreement is consistent with that broader strategic objective. Luanda has implemented a range of fiscal incentives in recent years aimed

at attracting incremental investment into blocks that might otherwise be approaching end-of-life planning.

For the broader services market, a two-decade development horizon on a block of this complexity and scale has material implications. Subsea infrastructure maintenance, well intervention, additional subsea tiebacks to existing FPSOs, and ongoing drilling activity will all require sustained contractor and supplier engagement. Angola's deepwater sector remains one of the most technically sophisticated operating environments on the continent, and the supply chain requirements associated with a block like 32 are correspondingly high. The extension effectively removes near-term uncertainty for contractors already mobilised in-country and opens procurement windows for those seeking entry points into the Angolan market.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies with existing Angola exposure — particularly those supporting subsea operations, FPSO maintenance, and well services — should treat this extension as a contract pipeline signal and engage TotalEnergies Angola and Sonangol procurement channels proactively. Companies not yet active in Angola can use the 2043 horizon as justification for market entry investment, particularly in subsea and well intervention segments where Norwegian competencies are directly applicable.

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- **Subsea:** Long-term subsea tieback and infrastructure integrity opportunities on a technically complex deepwater block operating through 2043 represent a sustained workload for Norwegian subsea specialists.
- **FPSO:** The two existing Kaombo FPSOs will require ongoing maintenance, upgrade, and life-extension services across a 20-year horizon, creating recurring scope for Norwegian FPSO operators and marine contractors.
- **Drilling:** Infill drilling and potential new development phases sanctioned under the extended licence will generate rig demand and well-services scope in challenging ultra-deepwater conditions.

- **Service:** Norwegian well intervention, inspection, and subsea equipment suppliers should map current TotalEnergies Angola and Sonangol procurement frameworks to position for upcoming tender cycles.

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