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Gabon MaBoMo Phase 2 Drilling Campaign Set to Begin Mid-2026

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A drilling campaign for the MaBoMo Phase 2 Development in the Dussafu license offshore Gabon is scheduled to commence in July 2026, according to Africa Oil+Gas Report. The program represents the next stage of field development activity in what has become one of Gabon's more active offshore licenses in recent years.

The Dussafu license has been the site of sustained development effort, and Phase 2 signals that the operating consortium considers the asset mature enough to justify continued capital allocation. While the article does not specify the number of wells planned, the water depth of the blocks, or the contract values associated with the campaign, the mid-2026 spud date provides a concrete planning horizon for service companies assessing their positioning in the Gabon market.

Gabon remains a significant offshore producer in Central Africa, and the country's licensing and regulatory framework has continued to attract investment despite broader headwinds in the region. Development drilling campaigns of this nature typically require a coordinated stack of services — from rig contracting and well engineering to completions and subsea tie-back work — meaning the MaBoMo Phase 2 program is likely to generate procurement activity across multiple service categories in the months leading up to July 2026.

For Norwegian service companies already active in West and Central Africa, the timeline is relevant. Mid-2026 implies that tendering and contractor engagement for long-lead items and specialist services would ordinarily be underway in the second half of 2025 or early 2026 at the latest. Companies that have not already made

contact with the operator and its procurement team should treat this as a near-term action item rather than a watch-and-wait situation.

The Dussafu license offshore Gabon is operated by BW Energy, a company with Norwegian roots and significant ties to the Oslo-listed energy ecosystem. This relationship may lower the threshold for Norwegian service providers seeking introductions or preferred-supplier discussions, given shared governance standards, HSE frameworks, and familiarity with North Sea-origin technology. As Phase 2 drilling approaches, the opportunity window for positioning is narrowing.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian drilling and well-services companies should act now to engage with the Dussafu operator ahead of anticipated 2025-2026 procurement cycles, as the July 2026 spud date leaves limited lead time. The operator's Norwegian ownership heritage may ease entry for Oslo-ecosystem vendors with relevant offshore track records. Saga can support partners in mapping the procurement structure and facilitating introductions.

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- **Drilling:** A mid-2026 spud date means rig and drilling-services contracts are likely entering or approaching tender phase — Norwegian drilling contractors and tool providers should confirm their bid-readiness now.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If Phase 2 wells require subsea tie-backs or modifications to existing production infrastructure, Norwegian subsea engineering firms should monitor procurement notices from the Dussafu operator closely.
- **Service:** Well-completion, cementing, wireline, and directional-drilling specialists should engage directly with the operator's supply chain team to ensure approved-vendor status ahead of campaign mobilisation.
- **Pipeline:** Infield flowline or export-pipeline work associated with new Phase 2 producers could create limited but targeted opportunities for pipeline inspection and installation contractors familiar with West African shelf conditions.

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