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# **BW Energy Greenlights Bourdon FID and Golfinho Infill Wells Offshore Gabon**

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BW Energy has reached a final investment decision (FID) for the Bourdon development located within the Dussafu licence offshore Gabon, while simultaneously sanctioning a programme of new infill wells at the Golfinho licence in Brazilian waters. The dual FID announcement signals a sustained commitment by the operator to advance its West African upstream portfolio alongside its South American assets.

The Dussafu licence offshore Gabon has been a core growth vehicle for BW Energy, and the Bourdon development represents the next incremental step in unlocking reserves from this block. By reaching FID, BW Energy has confirmed that project economics, financing, and execution planning meet the threshold required to proceed to development drilling and production infrastructure deployment. The Golfinho infill well programme in Brazil, approved concurrently, reflects a parallel capital allocation strategy aimed at sustaining and growing production from existing discovered resources.

For Norwegian oil and gas service companies monitoring West African upstream activity, the Gabon FID is the more immediately actionable data point. Offshore Gabon developments of this nature typically require a range of services spanning drilling, well construction, subsurface engineering, and production system installation, depending on the field architecture and water depth — details not yet disclosed in this announcement. BW Energy has previously operated mobile offshore production units in the Dussafu area, meaning FPSO or production vessel-related

scopes may form part of the Bourdon execution plan, though the operator has not confirmed specific infrastructure choices at this stage.

Gabon remains a relatively stable operating environment within the Gulf of Guinea, with an established regulatory and fiscal framework for offshore production. BW Energy's continued investment in the country, demonstrated by progressing Bourdon to FID, reinforces the jurisdiction's attractiveness for incremental offshore development. Norwegian service companies with existing Gulf of Guinea footprints or relationships in Libreville are well positioned to engage early in the procurement cycle as BW Energy moves toward tendering.

The timing of this announcement, covering two geographies simultaneously, suggests BW Energy is executing a coordinated capital programme across its portfolio. For service companies, this dual activity profile means the operator's procurement and project teams will be active on multiple fronts. Companies able to offer standardised or modular solutions applicable across both offshore West Africa and South America may find particular commercial traction. However, for Saga Advisory partners focused on Sub-Saharan Africa, Bourdon in Gabon is the primary opportunity to track. Contract scopes, timelines, and subcontractor requirements will become clearer as BW Energy publishes further project execution details in the coming months.

## Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Norwegian service companies should register interest with BW Energy's project procurement teams now that Bourdon has reached FID, as tender processes for drilling and production services are likely to follow in the near term. FPSO operators, well services providers, and subsea contractors with Gulf of Guinea experience are best placed to engage. Partners without an existing BW Energy relationship should prioritise establishing contact through the operator's Gabon-based or Oslo-accessible project offices.



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- **Drilling:** Bourdon FID triggers near-term demand for drilling services; companies with jackup or semi-submersible availability in West Africa should engage BW Energy's procurement team promptly.
- **FPSO:** BW Energy's track record of using floating production units at Dussafu makes FPSO operators and marine systems suppliers relevant candidates for Bourdon production infrastructure scope.
- **Subsea:** Depending on field architecture and water depth — not yet confirmed — subsea tie-back or flowline scopes may emerge as Bourdon's development plan is detailed further.
- **Well Services:** Infill and development drilling programmes at both Bourdon and Golfinho create concurrent demand for well services, completion equipment, and wellbore intervention capabilities.
- **Service:** Project management, engineering, and logistics companies with established Gulf of Guinea presence should monitor BW Energy's vendor qualification and tendering activity following this FID.

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