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Khalda drills three Egypt wells in one month

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Khalda Petroleum has completed three consecutive wells within a single month using one rig — the first time the company has achieved this milestone since its establishment. The feat also delivered 17.7% in cost savings, signalling a meaningful step-change in drilling efficiency for one of Egypt's established upstream operators.

The performance was anchored by the KAH-B-54 well, which was completed in 7.5 days from spud to handover, making it the fastest well in Khalda's history. The KAH-B-53 well followed at 8.9 days. While the article does not disclose the completion time for the third well, the combined delivery of all three within 30 days on a single rig underlines both the operational tempo and the logistics discipline required to sustain back-to-back programmes without downtime between wells.

Khalda Petroleum is a joint venture operating in Egypt's Western Desert, a mature but still actively developed basin. The company's ability to compress cycle times to this degree points to advances in well planning, rig scheduling, and potentially directional drilling efficiency — though the source article does not specify the exact methods that drove the improvement. What is clear is that a 17.7% cost reduction achieved alongside record-setting cycle times suggests that speed and savings were achieved in combination, not at each other's expense, which is the harder operational result to deliver.

For the Egyptian upstream sector broadly, this record matters as context. Egypt has been under pressure to sustain domestic gas and liquids production as older fields mature, and efficiency gains at the well level directly affect field economics and

reserve recovery rates. A proven template for drilling three wells per month on a single rig, if repeatable and transferable across other programmes, could influence how operators in the Western Desert structure their upcoming drilling campaigns and rig contracts.

For Norwegian service companies, the immediate takeaway is one of monitoring and relationship-building rather than procurement outreach. No new contract, tender, or FID is disclosed in this article — the record was set within an existing operational programme. However, the performance data Khalda has now published makes it a credible reference operator for high-efficiency land drilling in North Africa, and companies with relevant directional drilling technology, well engineering software, or drilling fluids expertise should take note of the operator's demonstrated appetite for performance-based improvement.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

No tender or contract award is disclosed; Norwegian service companies should monitor Khalda's upcoming drilling campaigns and position early through technical dialogue with the operator. Companies offering performance-driven well services — directional drilling, drilling fluids, or well engineering optimisation — have a concrete, data-backed conversation opener given Khalda's public focus on cycle-time and cost reduction. Relationship-building with Khalda and its joint-venture partners is the appropriate step at this stage.

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- **Drilling:** Khalda's record cycle times and 17.7% cost savings create an opening for rig technology and performance-contract discussions with a demonstrably efficiency-focused operator.
- **Service:** Directional drilling and drilling fluids suppliers can reference Khalda's published performance benchmarks as a basis for technical conversations on further optimisation.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage; monitor whether Western Desert production growth generates downstream infrastructure or tiebacks requiring engineering support.

- **Pipeline:** Sustained well delivery at this pace could accelerate gathering and pipeline needs in the Western Desert — worth tracking for early infrastructure positioning.

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