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Europa Oil & Gas extends EG-08 licence to 2027

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Europa Oil & Gas has secured a 12-month extension to the first exploration sub-period of its offshore EG-08 block in Equatorial Guinea, pushing the deadline from 4 October 2026 to 4 October 2027. The extension is a licence-period adjustment, not a new block award or exploration commitment, and reflects the company's continued intent to advance the asset within the amended timeframe.

Equatorial Guinea has been working to attract renewed upstream interest as its mature producing fields decline and the government seeks to extend the life of its LNG export infrastructure. The EG-08 block sits in this context, with Europa holding the licence and now having additional time to progress exploration obligations before a decision point on the sub-period's outcome.

The 12-month extension gives Europa Oil & Gas more runway to complete technical work, secure potential partners, or advance any required seismic or drilling planning tied to the EG-08 sub-period commitments. No details on specific work programme obligations, well commitments, or partnering activity have been disclosed in connection with the extension. The block's water depth and precise acreage were not specified in the announcement.

For the broader Equatorial Guinea upstream landscape, any eventual exploration drilling on EG-08 would represent activity in a jurisdiction where Norwegian service companies have established relationships through prior work on producing assets and the country's LNG facilities. The extension keeps the block active and Europa engaged, but no procurement or contracting activity is expected to flow from this

administrative licence adjustment in the near term. Companies watching the Equatorial Guinea market should monitor whether Europa Oil & Gas announces a farm-out process, a work programme update, or a partner entry during the extended sub-period, as those developments would signal a more concrete opportunity horizon.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The EG-08 extension is an early-stage licence instrument — no contracts, tenders, or FIDs are attached. Norwegian service companies should monitor Europa Oil & Gas for any farm-out announcement or work programme disclosure during the extended sub-period running to October 2027, as those signals would indicate when supplier and partner engagement becomes relevant. Relationship-building with Europa and Equatorial Guinea's Ministry of Mines and Hydrocarbons is the appropriate action at this stage.

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- **Drilling:** Monitor Europa Oil & Gas for any well commitment or rig requirement announcement tied to EG-08 sub-period obligations before October 2027.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No infrastructure scope exists yet; track whether exploration results on EG-08 create a development case requiring subsea or floating production solutions.
- **LNG:** Equatorial Guinea's existing LNG export capacity creates a potential monetisation route for any gas discovery on EG-08 — worth watching as technical work progresses.
- **Service:** Seismic acquisition or processing services may be required during the extended sub-period; watch for Europa work programme disclosures that specify technical obligations.

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