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AGOCO launches final phase of Sarir-Tobruk pipeline replacement

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Arabian Gulf Oil Company (AGOCO) has formally inaugurated the final construction phases of the Sarir-Tobruk main crude export pipeline replacement project, designated Q-87, marking the culmination of 30 months of continuous work on approximately 100 kilometres of 34-inch diameter trunk line.

The project was carried out under the direct supervision of AGOCO's Management Committee Chairman, Engineer Mohamed Belqasim Ben Shtwan, and aligns with directives from the National Oil Corporation of Libya (NOC) to increase production rates and develop the country's oil infrastructure. The replacement of this segment of the Sarir-Tobruk corridor is a significant infrastructure rehabilitation milestone for AGOCO, one of Libya's largest upstream operators and the principal producer in the Sirte Basin.

The Sarir-Tobruk pipeline is a critical artery in Libya's export logistics chain, connecting inland production fields in the Sirte Basin to the Tobruk export terminal on the Mediterranean coast. Degradation of ageing pipeline infrastructure has been a persistent operational and safety concern for Libyan producers in the post-conflict period, and the Q-87 project represents a substantial commitment to restoring and future-proofing this throughput capacity. The article does not specify the pipeline's restored or target flow capacity, nor does it disclose the total capital expenditure for the project.

The completion of the final phases signals that AGOCO and NOC are advancing a broader infrastructure rehabilitation agenda, consistent with Tripoli's stated

ambitions to recover and expand national crude production. For the international service sector, the conclusion of a 30-month, 100-kilometre pipeline replacement programme of this scale indicates that Libyan operators have the institutional appetite and NOC backing to execute complex, multi-year projects, even under challenging operating conditions.

While the article confirms the inauguration of the final phases, it does not announce any follow-on tenders, contract awards, or expressions of interest associated with further pipeline work. The instrument here is project completion and formal inauguration — not a new procurement action. Partners should monitor AGOCO and NOC communications for subsequent phases, maintenance contracts, or broader infrastructure tenders that may emerge as Libya continues to press for higher production targets.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a project completion announcement, not a tender or contract award, so direct procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian pipeline and well-services companies should monitor AGOCO and NOC procurement channels closely, as the successful delivery of Q-87 is likely to accelerate further pipeline rehabilitation and integrity-management programmes across the Sirte Basin. Relationship-building with AGOCO's technical and procurement teams now would position Norwegian firms well for forthcoming tenders.

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- **Pipeline:** The replacement of 100 km of 34-inch trunk line demonstrates AGOCO's capacity for large-scale pipeline rehabilitation; Norwegian pipeline contractors and coating/integrity specialists should register with AGOCO and NOC vendor lists ahead of anticipated follow-on projects.
- **Service:** Pipeline inspection, integrity management, and cathodic protection service providers should monitor NOC tender portals, as completion of Q-87 typically triggers integrity baseline surveys on adjacent line segments.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** If Tobruk terminal export infrastructure upgrades accompany the pipeline rehabilitation, offshore mooring and marine hose system specialists may find near-term opportunity at the terminal end of this corridor.

- **Drilling:** Increased pipeline export capacity at Sarir-Tobruk could support higher field production targets in the Sirte Basin, potentially driving AGOCO well workover and infill drilling campaigns that Norwegian drilling contractors could pursue.

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