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Akakus and Repsol review Libya separator station design

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Akakus Oil Operations and Spanish operator Repsol held a joint technical meeting on 15 July 2024 at Akakus headquarters to discuss proposed design modifications to an oil, gas, and water separation station planned for concession areas S and T in Libya.

The meeting brought together Akakus's Operator Management Committee, the Owners Committee chairman, and directors from Akakus's technical departments alongside Repsol and its partners. The agenda centred on aligning both parties' views on revisions to the basis-of-design for the separation facility, ensuring the project specifications reflect current field conditions and partner requirements before engineering progresses further.

The separation station project represents a meaningful piece of upstream processing infrastructure for the concession blocks involved. Oil, gas, and water separation facilities are foundational to any producing field's surface infrastructure, determining throughput capacity, export quality, and gas handling. Design modifications at this stage — prior to detailed engineering or procurement — suggest the project remains in front-end development, with both operator and partners seeking technical consensus before committing to a full engineering and construction scope.

Libya's upstream sector has faced prolonged instability, but joint-venture activity between the National Oil Corporation's operating subsidiaries and international partners such as Repsol has continued at a technical level. Akakus Oil Operations, active in the Murzuq Basin in Libya's southwest, manages several concessions on behalf of its joint-venture owners. Repsol has maintained a long-standing presence in

Libya and holds equity stakes in multiple Akakus-operated concessions. The meeting signals that field development planning for concessions S and T is advancing, even if the pace remains measured given the broader operating environment.

For Norwegian service companies, this is a project to monitor rather than pursue immediately. No contract has been awarded, no tender has been issued, and the article describes a design-review meeting — an early front-end stage. However, the eventual scope for a separation station of this type would typically involve process engineering, pressure vessels, instrumentation, and potentially associated pipeline and utilities work, all areas where Norwegian suppliers carry competitive capability. Companies with existing relationships in Libya or with Repsol's global supply chain should register interest and track when the project moves toward an invitation to tender or prequalification.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a front-end design discussion, not a contract award or tender, so no procurement outreach is warranted at this stage. Norwegian service companies with process engineering, separation technology, or brownfield project expertise should monitor the project's progress and consider engaging through Repsol's supplier network as the design matures. Firms already active in Libya or with NOC-affiliate relationships are best positioned to track when this moves to an engineering or procurement phase.

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- **Service:** Process engineering firms with separation-train expertise should register with Repsol's Libya procurement channel and monitor for a future FEED or EPC tender on the S-T concession station.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Not directly applicable, but companies providing modular surface processing packages for onshore fields should note this as a potential future scope.
- **Pipeline:** Associated gas and produced-water handling pipelines are typically scoped alongside separation stations — pipeline engineering firms should monitor for a bundled infrastructure tender.

- **Drilling:** Design modifications to surface facilities often follow updated well-production forecasts; drilling and well-services companies should track whether revised field production plans accompany this project.

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