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Akakus Oil opens Sharara fire-suppression prequalification

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Akakus Oil Operations has launched a prequalification process for the redesign and full modernisation of the fire suppression system at the Sharara field, site GOSB-A-NC115, in Libya. The tender reference is BC-2026-SAFETY-003, and the deadline for submission of prequalification documents is 27 May 2026. This is a prequalification stage — no contract has been awarded — meaning interested suppliers must first demonstrate technical and commercial capability before being invited to bid.

Sharara is one of Libya's largest producing oil fields, operated by Akakus Oil Operations, and the NC115 concession block has long been a focus of upstream activity in the Murzuq Basin in the country's southwest. The scope of work covers the complete redesign and upgrade of the existing fire and gas suppression infrastructure at the GOSB-A-NC115 gathering and processing facility. Fire suppression modernisation at a live production site typically involves process safety engineering, system integration, hardware replacement, and commissioning — a technically demanding package that requires vendors with credible field safety credentials.

Libya's upstream sector has faced chronic underinvestment in facilities maintenance and safety infrastructure following years of political instability and production disruptions. The National Oil Corporation and its operating partners have been working to restore and upgrade ageing surface facilities as production targets are reasserted. A formal prequalification exercise of this kind signals that Akakus is moving systematically through procurement procedures, which, when followed

through, can generate meaningful service contracts for international vendors with onshore oilfield safety experience.

For Norwegian service companies, this prequalification represents an early-stage entry point into a competitive process. The window to act is now, ahead of the 27 May 2026 submission deadline. Companies with process safety engineering, fire and gas detection, suppression system design, or hazardous-area certification capabilities — whether independently or through local Libyan partners — should assess whether they meet Akakus's prequalification criteria and prepare their documentation accordingly. Engagement with in-country representatives or established Libyan agents will be important for navigating the submission process effectively.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an open prequalification with a live deadline of 27 May 2026, making direct supplier action appropriate now rather than a monitoring posture. Norwegian companies with oilfield fire and gas safety, process safety engineering, or suppression system integration capabilities should assess eligibility and prepare prequalification submissions. Partnering with a Libyan in-country agent is advisable given the Arabic-language tender process and local content expectations.

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- **Service:** Process safety and fire-suppression system integrators should register interest and submit prequalification documents before the 27 May 2026 deadline.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Topside safety system vendors with onshore oilfield references can leverage existing fire and gas detection product lines for this Sharara facility upgrade.
- **Drilling:** Drilling-adjacent well-site safety specialists with hazardous-area equipment certification may qualify under Akakus's technical criteria for this safety modernisation scope.
- **Pipeline:** Pipeline and facilities integrity firms with process plant fire protection experience could position this as a reference project for broader NC115 infrastructure work.

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