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Akakus Oil opens prequalification for Libya well cementing

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Akakus Oil Operations has issued a formal prequalification invitation — tender reference BC-2026-DW-003 — for companies specialising in cementing services for horizontal wells in Libya. The call covers three distinct service lines: horizontal well cementing, cement plug installation, and cementing of 7-inch casing liners. Interested companies must demonstrate the required technical and financial resources and submit full prequalification documentation to Akakus Oil Operations to be considered for the subsequent tender stage.

Akakus Oil Operations is a Libyan upstream operator active in the Murzuq Basin in the country's southwest. Horizontal well cementing is a technically demanding discipline requiring specialised equipment, engineered slurry systems, and experienced field crews capable of operating in remote desert conditions. The inclusion of 7-inch liner cementing and plug-setting services indicates the scope covers well construction and intervention work across multiple phases of well life.

The prequalification process is the earliest formal procurement stage — it does not constitute a contract award or even a tender issuance. Companies that pass prequalification will be invited to bid; a contract award remains several steps away. That said, failing to participate at this stage effectively closes the door on the eventual work package. For international service companies, prequalification submissions are therefore a low-cost, high-leverage step that secures access to a competitive shortlist in a market that has historically been difficult to enter without prior operator relationships.

Libya's upstream sector continues to attract renewed operator attention following years of output disruption, and Akakus has maintained relatively consistent field activity compared with other Libyan concessions. Horizontal drilling activity in the Murzuq Basin signals ongoing development ambition rather than pure maintenance operations, suggesting further well-services procurement rounds are plausible in the near term. Service companies with a footprint in North Africa or with existing logistics chains into southern Libya will carry a meaningful advantage in any eventual bid evaluation.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a prequalification invitation, not a signed contract, so the appropriate action is to assess eligibility and submit prequalification documentation now to secure a place on the shortlist for the forthcoming tender. Norwegian well-services companies with cementing capabilities and a North Africa track record should prioritise filing PQ documents with Akakus Oil Operations before the stated deadline. Partners without direct Libya exposure should consider whether a local or regional joint-venture partner could strengthen a combined submission.

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- **Well Services:** Cementing specialists with horizontal-well and liner-hanger experience should submit prequalification documentation for BC-2026-DW-003 to secure shortlist access before the tender is issued.
- **Drilling:** Drilling contractors already active in the Murzuq Basin or North Africa can leverage existing mobilisation infrastructure to support a competitive cementing-services bid.
- **Service:** Companies offering integrated well-construction services — combining cementing, plug-and-abandon, and liner systems — may find scope to bundle a wider service package when the formal tender is released.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage, but monitoring Akakus procurement activity provides early intelligence on broader field-development plans that could include surface or export infrastructure tenders later.



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