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Akakus Oil Libya opens drilling fluids prequalification

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Akakus Oil Operations has issued a prequalification notice for drilling fluids services on horizontal wells, inviting specialised and technically capable companies to submit qualification documents under tender reference BC-2026-DW-001. The call marks an active procurement step, requiring participants to demonstrate both the technical resources and financial capacity demanded by Akakus before they can proceed to the formal bidding stage.

Akakus Oil Operations is a Libya-based upstream operator, and horizontal well campaigns typically involve complex fluid engineering — weighted muds, high-performance lubricants, and real-time monitoring — to manage wellbore stability and minimise formation damage across extended-reach sections. The prequalification exercise is the gateway through which Akakus will filter eligible vendors before issuing the full tender package to a shortlisted group.

For international service companies, the prequalification window is the critical entry point. Firms that miss this stage are effectively excluded from competing on BC-2026-DW-001 regardless of their technical credentials. The notice specifies that completed prequalification documents must be submitted in accordance with the conditions set out in the announcement, meaning full compliance with Akakus's documentation requirements is a baseline obligation, not optional.

Libya's upstream sector has been gradually rebuilding activity following years of political instability, and operators such as Akakus have been among the more consistent in running structured procurement processes. Horizontal drilling

programmes in the country's desert basins demand drilling fluids performance comparable to international standards, creating genuine scope for specialist service providers with proven horizontal-well references. The BC-2026-DW-001 tender reference suggests a 2026 execution timeline, giving prospective bidders a finite window to complete qualification formalities now.

Norwegian and internationally active well-services companies with drilling fluids portfolios — particularly those holding relevant horizontal-well case studies from comparable geological settings — should treat this prequalification notice as an actionable short-term priority. Submitting documentation promptly and in full is the only route to remaining in contention when Akakus advances to the tender award phase.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is an open prequalification (EOI-equivalent) for a signed procurement process, making direct outreach to Akakus Oil Operations procurement the recommended immediate action for eligible partners. Norwegian well-services firms with drilling fluids capabilities and horizontal-well references should prepare and submit prequalification documents under BC-2026-DW-001 before the stated deadline. Saga Advisory can assist with document preparation, local compliance checks, and identifying in-country representation requirements for the Libyan market.

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- **Drilling/Well Services:** Drilling fluids specialists with horizontal-well references should submit prequalification documents to Akakus for BC-2026-DW-001 immediately — this is the only route into the subsequent tender.
- **Service:** Mud engineering and fluid-monitoring technology providers can position specialist horizontal-well track records as differentiators during Akakus's prequalification evaluation.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Lower direct relevance at this stage, but FPSO and subsea firms with Libyan market ambitions can use this tender activity as a signal that Akakus is actively investing in well campaigns worth monitoring for downstream tie-in and export infrastructure needs.

- **Pipeline:** Pipeline service companies should monitor Akakus's broader horizontal drilling programme, as increased well productivity in Libyan desert basins historically drives gathering and export pipeline upgrade demand.

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