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Libya's Sabha hosts Southern Refinery progress meeting

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Libya's Southern Refinery Project advanced to its 2025 annual technical review on 19 October, when officials from the National Oil Corporation (NOC) and Zallaf Libya Oil & Gas convened in Sabha to assess implementation progress. The meeting drew wide participation from senior representatives of both organisations, signalling continued institutional commitment to a project that targets refining capacity in Libya's southern interior.

The gathering was framed as part of continuous follow-up on the project's implementation phases, suggesting the Southern Refinery remains in an active development and coordination stage rather than at construction completion. No specific milestones, revised timelines, capacity figures, or contractor names were disclosed in the available reporting, meaning the precise current status of engineering, procurement, or construction activities cannot be confirmed from this source.

Zallaf Libya, the project sponsor publishing this notice, is a Libyan oil and gas company operating under the broader NOC framework. Sabha, the host city, is the principal urban centre of the Fezzan region in southwestern Libya — geographically close to the producing basins that a southern refinery would logically serve, reducing the need to transport crude northward to coastal refineries before redistribution.

For now, this meeting represents a coordination and monitoring instrument rather than a contract award, FID, or procurement event. The Southern Refinery Project remains in a pre-execution phase from the perspective of external service and

engineering engagement. Norwegian and international service companies should treat this as a project to monitor rather than one requiring immediate commercial action. The NOC-Zallaf axis will be the decision-making channel when procurement activity eventually opens, and early relationship-building with both entities is the appropriate step at this stage.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The Southern Refinery Project is still in an implementation-monitoring phase with no open tender, FID, or procurement event confirmed in this report. Norwegian service companies in process engineering, construction management, or downstream equipment supply should register interest with Zallaf Libya and NOC through appropriate channels and monitor for future EPC or equipment tender announcements. Outreach to procurement is premature; relationship-building and project tracking are the right actions now.

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- **Service:** Process engineering and project management firms should map Zallaf Libya and NOC as key contacts ahead of any future EPC tendering for the Southern Refinery.
- **Pipeline:** A southern Libyan refinery will require crude feed and product export pipeline infrastructure; monitor for related pipeline design or construction tenders as the project matures.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage, but downstream refinery expansion in Libya could incrementally lift crude offtake demand from producing fields, indirectly supporting upstream asset utilisation.
- **LNG:** Refinery projects of this type often require utility gas supply or flare-gas recovery systems; watch for any associated gas-handling scope that emerges in later project phases.

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