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NOC and Zallaf Libya open 2024 exploration coordination

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Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) held its first Technical Coordination Meeting (TCM) with Zallaf Libya Oil & Gas on 3 June 2024 at the NOC's Sabha headquarters, marking the opening of formal oversight over Zallaf's 2024 exploration programme. The meeting was convened by NOC's Exploration Department and focused on reviewing and discussing exploration activity carried out by Zallaf Libya's own Exploration Department across the year to date.

The Sabha location is significant: the city sits in the Fezzan region of southwestern Libya, placing this coordination effort squarely in the country's interior basin acreage rather than the more internationally familiar coastal and offshore areas. Zallaf Libya, which operates blocks in the Murzuq and surrounding basins, has been one of the more active domestic exploration vehicles in recent years, and the establishment of a formal TCM cadence with NOC signals an intent to maintain structured governance over its exploration calendar for 2024.

The article does not disclose specific wells planned, seismic volumes committed, or any block awards or contract instruments arising from the meeting. The TCM itself is a coordination and oversight mechanism — not a licensing action, an FID, or a procurement event. No third-party service companies or international partners are named in connection with the meeting, and no financial figures are cited.

Nevertheless, the reactivation of structured NOC-Zallaf dialogue is a meaningful signal for the Libyan upstream. Whenever NOC formalises its oversight of an operating entity's exploration schedule, it typically precedes a sequence of drilling

decisions — well design, contracting, and mobilisation — that opens procurement windows for service providers. The Sabha-centric nature of the programme also implies logistical and operational requirements distinct from Libya's northern coastal operations, including desert drilling capability and remote supply chain management.

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At this stage the TCM represents early-phase coordination with no open tender or signed contract to pursue. Norwegian drilling and well-services companies with desert and remote-logistics capability relevant to the Fezzan basin should monitor Zallaf Libya's procurement announcements and NOC licensing communications over the coming quarters. Relationship-building with Zallaf Libya's Exploration Department and NOC's technical procurement channels in Tripoli is the appropriate near-term action.

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- **Drilling:** Desert drilling contractors should track Zallaf Libya's 2024 well programme emerging from this TCM, as remote Fezzan operations require specialised rig and logistics capability.
- **Well Services:** Wireline, mud-logging and directional-drilling providers should monitor Zallaf's upcoming exploration wells, where NOC oversight typically drives formal tendering for well-services packages.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Limited direct relevance at this stage — Zallaf's Murzuq basin acreage is onshore; monitor only for any associated gas infrastructure requirements.
- **Pipeline:** Any new onshore discoveries in the Fezzan region will require tie-in and export pipeline work; pipeline engineering firms should track exploration outcomes from this programme.

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