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Perenco restarts Congo's Foukanda field via new tie-back

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Perenco has restarted production at the Foukanda offshore oil field in the Republic of the Congo following the installation of new infrastructure that connects the field directly to the company's own facilities. The restart marks a significant operational milestone for Perenco's Congo portfolio, bringing a previously offline asset back into production through a tie-back solution rather than a standalone development.

The decision to link Foukanda directly to Perenco's existing infrastructure reflects a broader industry preference for brownfield tie-back developments in maturing offshore basins, where leveraging installed capacity reduces both capital expenditure and execution risk. By routing production through its own facilities, Perenco avoids dependence on third-party processing infrastructure and retains tighter operational control over the asset's output profile.

The Republic of the Congo remains a meaningful mid-tier African producer, and Perenco is one of its most active offshore operators. The company has built a substantial position across the country's offshore acreage over successive years, and the Foukanda restart signals continued commitment to sweating existing reserves rather than solely pursuing frontier exploration. For a basin where reservoir complexity and ageing subsurface infrastructure are recurring challenges, successful tie-back executions of this kind demonstrate that incremental production recovery remains commercially viable.

The new infrastructure installed to enable the connection has not been detailed further in available reporting, and neither the production volumes restored nor the

capital cost of the tie-back have been disclosed. The scale and nature of the subsea or surface equipment involved therefore remains to be confirmed through official operator communications or regulatory filings. Norwegian service companies tracking this development should note the information currently available is limited to the restart event and the tie-back mechanism itself.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The Foukanda restart represents a confirmed operational event — new infrastructure has been installed and production has resumed — making this a live reference point for subsea and well-services suppliers already active in Congo or seeking entry. Norwegian companies with brownfield tie-back credentials (flowlines, connectors, flexible risers, intervention vessels) should monitor Perenco's Congo procurement activity closely and pursue relationship-building with the operator's regional technical and supply chain teams. Until the scope and contracting structure of any follow-on work is disclosed, direct procurement outreach is premature.

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- **Subsea:** The tie-back installation confirms active subsea infrastructure work in Perenco's Congo portfolio — suppliers of flexible pipe, connectors, and umbilicals should map their existing operator relationships and position for follow-on scopes.
- **FPSO:** If Foukanda production is routed to a floating facility, FPSO operators and topside-modification contractors should monitor whether increased throughput triggers upgrade or life-extension work on Perenco's receiving unit.
- **Drilling:** Reactivating a previously offline field often requires producer well workovers or sidetrack campaigns — drilling contractors with light-intervention or platform-rig capability should track Perenco's Congo well programme.
- **Service:** Brownfield restarts typically demand integrity assessment, pigging, and commissioning services; Norwegian inspection and maintenance firms should engage Perenco's Congo operations team to understand near-term service requirements.
- **Pipeline:** New connecting infrastructure between Foukanda and Perenco's facilities may include infield pipelines or flowlines — pipeline engineering and installation

contractors should seek clarification on scope and whether further tiebacks are planned across the operator's acreage.

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