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TGS reprocesses 14,691 km² seismic data offshore Côte d'Ivoire

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Norwegian geoscience firm TGS has launched its second offshore seismic reprocessing project in Côte d'Ivoire, covering 14,691 square kilometres of existing seismic data. The work is aimed at improving reservoir imaging for oil and gas exploration, with final results expected by late 2027. The project adds to growing momentum in offshore exploration activity along the West African nation's coastline.

The initiative is a reprocessing campaign — meaning TGS is applying updated imaging algorithms and workflows to previously acquired seismic datasets rather than running new acquisition surveys. This approach is common in maturing frontier basins where legacy data exists but modern processing techniques can yield materially sharper subsurface pictures, reducing exploration risk for prospective licence holders and bidders. The scale of the dataset — nearly 15,000 square kilometres — points to a basin-wide rather than prospect-specific scope, suggesting TGS intends the product to serve multiple exploration clients.

Côte d'Ivoire has drawn increasing interest from international oil companies in recent years, and TGS launching a second project in the country signals that demand for high-quality subsurface data is growing among operators and potential block applicants. Improved reservoir imaging directly informs decisions on well placement, development concept selection, and ultimately whether a discovery is commercially viable — making this kind of multi-client seismic work a foundational step ahead of any drilling campaign.

For Norwegian service and technology companies monitoring West Africa, the reprocessing project represents an early-stage data-maturation effort. No block awards, exploration contracts, or field development decisions are attached to this announcement. The value to the market lies in what the improved data reveals: if TGS's reprocessed volumes highlight compelling new leads or de-risk existing prospects, that could accelerate operator interest and move Côte d'Ivoire up the priority list for exploration drilling — the point at which subsea, drilling, and well-services procurement becomes relevant. Delivery of final results by late 2027 sets the practical timeline for when that downstream activity could begin to crystallise.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a pre-competitive data project, not a contract or FID, so procurement outreach is premature. Norwegian service companies should monitor TGS's data release in late 2027 as a leading indicator of which blocks and operators are likely to progress toward drilling in Côte d'Ivoire.

Relationship-building with TGS's Norwegian commercial team now could provide early visibility into which clients are licensing the reprocessed data.

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- **Drilling:** Track TGS data delivery in late 2027 as a signal for when exploration well campaigns off Côte d'Ivoire may enter the planning and rig-procurement phase.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Improved reservoir imaging could de-risk deepwater prospects; monitor which operators licence the TGS multi-client data to anticipate future FEED and concept-selection work.
- **Service:** Well-services and geoscience companies with West Africa presence should engage TGS to understand which exploration clients are acquiring the reprocessed dataset as early commercial intelligence.
- **Pipeline:** Basin-wide seismic coverage may reveal gas accumulations requiring export infrastructure; flag Côte d'Ivoire for pipeline and tie-back opportunity monitoring post-2027.

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