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## Equinor exercises options with 18 contractors for drilling, well services

Equinor has exercised one-year options with Baker Hughes, Halliburton and SLB for its three existing integrated drilling and well services contracts on the Norwegian Shelf, as well as two-year options for 18 framework agreements covering specialist services linked to these packages.

The Norwegian state-controlled operator, in a statement on Monday (4 May), said the combined value of all the awards is around Nkr17 billion (\$1.83 billion). Of that total, Nkr8.3 billion is accounted for by the one-year extensions of the drilling and well service agreements, while the framework agreements for specialist services are estimated to be worth around Nkr4.3 billion per year for each of their two years.

The integrated contracts cover integrated drilling services, cementing and pumping, drilling and completion fluids, electrical logging and completions.

Equinor said the contract with Baker Hughes covers facilities in Grane, Oseberg and Johan Sverdrup, as well as the *Deepsea Bergen*, *Transocean Encourage* and *COSLPromoter* rigs.

The contract with Halliburton covers Equinor's Snorre facilities, Njord A and the *Transocean Enabler* drilling rig, with SLB's contract covering Gullfaks and Statfjord, as well as the *Deepsea Aberdeen*, *COSLInnovator*, *Askeladden* and *Deepsea Stavanger* rigs.

In addition, responsibility for Heidrun and the *Askepott* jack-up is shared by Baker Hughes and Halliburton, Visund A and the *Transocean Norge* rig are covered by Baker Hughes and SLB, Kvitebjørn is the responsibility of Halliburton and SLB, while all three contractors have a role with the *Shelf Drilling Barsk* and *Transocean Spitsbergen*.

Baker Hughes, Halliburton and SLB are also among the 18 suppliers that have been awarded framework agreements for specialist services, which are intended to ensure access to "the necessary expertise and technology to carry out well operations more efficiently and adapt to changing needs on the shelf."  
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