



Starting up: the Ophir field development off Malaysia Photo: OCTANEX

Counting down to first oil at Ophir

Performance test of the wells and facilities at offshore Malaysian oilfield under way

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Production is starting up at the Ophir oilfield development off the coast of Malaysia.

Field co-owner Octanex revealed Monday the field facilities had been tested and commissioned, with start-up routines now initiated.

It added hydrocarbons had been introduced into the system and are being received, processed and stored on the floating production, storage and offloading vessel.

Performance tests of the wells and facilities are being carried out and the countdown is now on for first oil which Octanex said was contractually defined as 20 days of production from a consecutive 25 days, following completion of testing.

It comes after it was [reported last week](#) the MTC Ledang FPSO had been successfully moored at the Ophir field.

The field lies in a water depth of roughly 70 metres and is being developed via three production wells, a wellhead platform and a the FPSO.

Ophir is being developed under a risk services contract by Octanex (50%), Scomi Energy (30%) and Vestigo Petroleum (20%).

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