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IRAQ'S WEST QURNA-2 OILFIELD STARTS TEST TO BOOST OUTPUT

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Iraq - Lukoils West Qurna-2 oilfield in Iraq has started a test operation to boost production, initially by 30,000 barrel per day (bpd), a statement said on Thursday.

At a new reservoir at West Qurna-2 field, one newly drilled well has started producing 10,000 bpd and two more wells should be operational in three months take the output increase to 30,000 bpd.

Under the development plan agreed between Lukoil and Iraqs oil ministry, the project's final target is to increase production by 350,000 bpd, a statement from the state-run Basra Oil Co. said, without giving a timeline.

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