

Ultra-deepwater block...

Exxon to begin 3D seismic survey

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THE vessel assigned to collect 3D seismic data over the ultra-deepwater block off Trinidad and Tobago will depart Chaguaramas on Sunday, ExxonMobil has said. The survey, initially expected to begin in the second quarter of 2026, will now get under way months earlier than planned.

In an advisory notice published in yesterday's newspaper, Exxon said the survey vessel *R/V Amazon Warrior* will depart from Chaguaramas on January 25, heading to the East Coast Marine Area to conduct the 3D seismic survey across the deepwater TTUD-1 block.

'ExxonMobil Trinidad and Tobago Deepwater Ltd advises that the survey vessel *R/V Amazon Warrior* (IMO#9662394) will mobilise from Chaguaramas to the East Coast Marine Area (ECMA) to conduct a 3D seismic survey across the deepwater TTUD 1 Block,' the notice stated.

Exxon said the operations are expected to last between four and five months, though the company noted the programme could extend to as much as 180 days, depending on contingencies.

The survey is scheduled to be completed by July 2026.

'Upon completion of the scope, the vessel will return to Chaguaramas for demobilisation,' it stated.

Last month, the Ministry of Energy said Energy Minister Dr Roodal Moonilal and Minister in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries Ernesto Kesar met with a high-level delegation from the US Embassy and ExxonMobil to receive updates on operations related to TTUD-1.

'Exxon Mobil indicated that operations projected for TTUD 1 are on schedule and confirmed that the company has now selected a seismic acquisition vendor and expressed gratitude for the support and cooperation of the Government thus far as the company proceeds to ambitiously begin seismic acquisition within six months of the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) signing that occurred in August 2025,' a release from the Energy Ministry stated last month.

'The anticipated first shot window is projected for February 2026. The Energy ministers reiterated the Government's commitment to support the project by optimising the necessary permitting and approvals processes, ensuring that there are minimal delays on the State's end as it pertains to achieving the accelerated timeline for the execution of the minimum work committed by ExxonMobil,' it stated.

Last month, Exxon received the Certificate of Environmental Clearance from the Environmental Management Authority to do the 3D seismic survey spanning 8,825 square kilometres in Block TTUD-1.

The TTUD-1 block represents the consolidation of seven previously separate offshore blocks, TTDA 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, into a single ultra-deepwater area.

On January 15, Shearwater Geoservices announced that it was awarded the contract for the 3D seismic acquisition programme for ExxonMobil Trinidad and Tobago Deepwater

Ltd. 'The deepwater survey offshore Trinidad and Tobago will cover approximately 6,000 square kilometres of full-fold area. The acquisition is scheduled to commence in the first quarter of 2026 and is expected to take around five months,' it stated.

'Shearwater's high-capacity streamer vessel *Amazon Warrior* will undertake the acquisition, utilising its multi-component Isometrix streamer technology. The project will deliver high-quality seismic data to support future planned exploration activities in the area,' the release stated.

The *Express* understands that Ramps Logistics has been awarded the logistics contract.



HIGH-CAPACITY STREAMER: Shearwater's high-capacity streamer vessel Amazon Warrior leaves Chaguaramas on Sunday to collect 3D seismic data over the ultra-deepwater TTUD-1 block off T&T for ExxonMobil.