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CASE STUDY

# Assala Energy Boosts Asset Management and IT Operations with Absolute Secure Endpoint

Using Absolute Secure Endpoint, Assala Energy Improves Visibility and Control Across Device Fleet



Assala Energy is an oil exploration and production company acquiring mature oil and gas assets in Africa. Assala Energy's operational strategy is to increase production safely while ensuring integrity. Headquartered in London, Assala Energy's oil fields are based in Gabon.



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We needed a bit more visibility across our enterprise. That is what Absolute has given us, another notch in our armory that we use to keep track of our assets and ensure compliance.

> - KEVIN TURNBULL, **GLOBAL IT DIRECTOR, ASSALA ENERGY**

#### **THE STORY**

#### Guarantee Endpoint Visibility Across Remote Oil and Production Fields

Assala Energy has five oil fields and production sites in Gabon. These sites are very remote; some are in the middle of the jungle, which can be accessed via a four-hour boat or helicopter ride. Because of these remote locations, communication and asset management are challenging for Assala Energy. They needed to find a solution that would allow them to get a handle on their assets in these remote locations and track and locate missing devices.

#### **SECURITY NEEDS**



FREEZE AT-RISK DEVICES





CORPORATE ENDPOINT VISIBILITY

## THE SOLUTIONS How They Did It

#### Improve Hardware Inventory and Asset Control

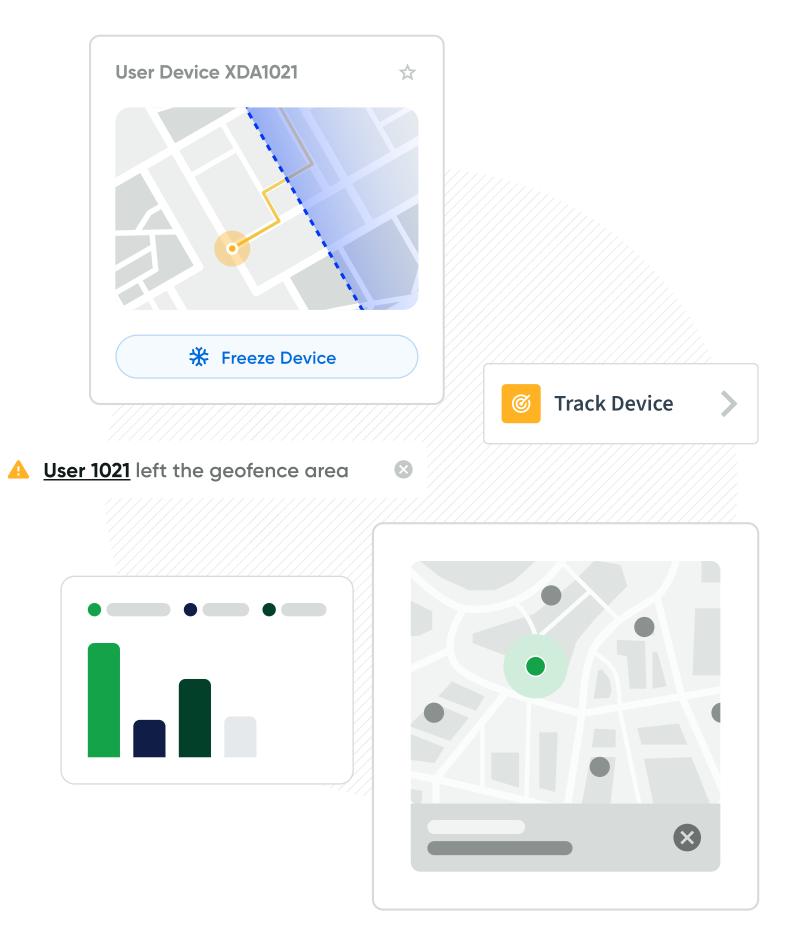
One of the challenges Assala Energy needed support with was asset control. "It's a whole logistical nightmare of having such remote sites," says Kevin Turnbull, Global IT Director at Assala Energy. They did not have visibility into where these devices were, whether they made it to the remote sites, or whether it was in inventory. With Absolute Secure Endpoint, Assala Energy has greater visibility on and off its corporate network, giving the IT team constant reports on hardware inventory and seeing all enrolled devices.

#### Retain Command of Endpoints, No Matter Where They Are

In addition to asset control, Assala Energy also leverages Absolute Control capabilities to safeguard devices, applications, and data. Due to the remote environments of the oil fields, devices may go missing or get stolen. With Absolute, not only does Assala Energy have the endpoint visibility needed to get a handle on where devices are, but also the ability to remotely freeze at-risk devices, notifying users with custom messages.

#### Define Geofences to Detect Unauthorized Movement

Assala Energy uses Absolute's geofencing feature to incorporate the physical location of these devices into its asset management strategy, specifically on hotspots where devices go missing; the geofencing capability provides the Assala Energy IT team with alerts when an endpoint travels through an area indicated as a hotspot, providing them with the ability to monitor the devices more closely.







Even if the device gets wiped or someone wipes the BIOS, wherever you plug the hard drive in, it will embed itself back into the firmware, and vice versa. That was the differentiator between Absolute and any other product that is out there.

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### THE RESULTS

## Enhanced Asset Management = Safeguarded Devices and Data

In the future, Assala Energy plans to continue to leverage Absolute Secure Endpoint to bolster its asset management and asset tracking strategy. With Absolute, Assala Energy now has peace of mind to retain command of all its endpoints, even off the corporate network.

- ✓ Gives the IT team constant visibility into endpoints.
- ✓ Reports on hardware inventory.
- ✓ Tracks and locates all enrolled devices, no matter where they are.
- ✓ Provides the ability to remotely freeze at-risk devices.
- ✓ Detects unauthorized device movement with defined geofences and alerts.



For Assala Energy, Absolute Secure Endpoint:



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