

NPD – exploration drilling result

10/09/2007 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Statoil ASA a drilling permit for wellbore 6608/8-2 in the Norwegian Sea.

The drilling program for wellbore 6608/8-2 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 352. Statoil ASA is the operator with an ownership interest of 70 per cent, and DONG is a partner with an ownership interest of 30 per cent. The production licence area, which lies north of the Norne field, consists of the blocks 6608/7 and 8. Production licence 352 was awarded in APA2004 (Awards in predefined areas) with Statoil ASA as the operator.

The area in the production licence has been awarded earlier, but then as production licence 200 (1993-2003). Wildcat well 6608/8-1 was drilled in production licence 200 in 1997.

Wellbore 6608/8-2 will be drilled from the drilling facility Ocean Vanguard in position 66 17` 52.5" north and 8 22` 36.9" east.

It is a prerequisite for the drilling permit that the other permits and consents required by other authorities have been issued before the drilling activities commence.

See [Factpages](#) for more information about this wellbore.

6608/8-2

15/11/2007 Press release 42/2007: StatoilHydro ASA has, as operator of production licence 352, concluded drilling of wildcat well 6608/8-2.

The well was drilled on a prospect called Bjørk in block 6608/8 about 33 kilometres north of the Norne field. The purpose of the well was to prove hydrocarbons in Cretaceous rocks.

The well was dry. Several thick reservoir zones were encountered in Cretaceous rocks.

This was the first exploration well in production licence 352. The production licence was awarded in APA 2004 (Award in Predefined Areas).

Well 6608/8-2 was drilled to a total vertical depth of 2809 metres below sea level and was concluded in Late Triassic rocks. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6608/8 was drilled by the drilling facility *Ocean Vanguard* on a water depth of 337 metres. *Ocean Vanguard* are now on its way to a yard for classification.

Licensees in production licence 352 are:

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| StatoilHydro ASA (operator) | 70 % |
| Dong E&P Norge AS | 30 % |

