

## NPD – exploration drilling result

29/07/2003 Press release no. 15/2003: ConocoPhillips has completed drilling on wildcat well 1/9-7 - the Tommeliten Alpha structure in production license 044 in Sentralgraben in the North Sea.

The primary purpose of the drilling activity was to test the potential for hydrocarbons in sandstone from the Upper Jurassic Age, and to delimit the Tommeliten Alpha discovery made in 1976 in cretaceous rocks.

The drilling activity was carried out using the jack-up installation Mærsk Giant. The well was drilled at a water depth of 75 meters, and completed at a measured depth of 4947 meters under the sea surface. The 1/9-7 well has been plugged and abandoned. The drilling installation will now be moved to production license 018 for production drilling.

Hydrocarbons were found in the cretaceous section, but not in strata of the Upper Jurassic Age. The well provided important information for any future commercialization of the Tommeliten Alpha discovery.

The drilling activity was conducted in rocks with high temperature and pressure, and provided positive experiences with the use of new technology which may be significant for similar drilling activities in the area.

Production license 044 was awarded in the 3rd licensing round in 1974.

See also the drilling activity table for 2003.

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