

## NPD – exploration drilling result

11/07/2003 Press release no. 4/2003: Statoil ASA is the operator of production license 128, blocks 6608/10 and 6608/11, situated about 175 km off the coast of Helgeland. The company has now completed drilling exploration well 6608/10-9.

The well was drilled in the Lerke structure, which is located about 4 km northeast of the Norne field.

The well was drilled in water depths of 375 meters and had a total depth of 2400 meters below the sea surface. The well was completed in rocks from the Early Jurassic Age.

The well proved oil sandstone in the Middle Jurassic, which was the secondary target for the drilling activity. The volume and production properties of the oil in this level have not yet been clarified. Further studies will determine whether the discovery is commercial. Only traces of oil were recorded in the main target for the well, which was sandstone from the Early Jurassic Age.

The drilling operation on Lerke was carried out by the Deepsea Bergen drilling rig, with a total drilling time of 25 days.

The plan calls for the rig to leave the location on 18 February 2003.

See also 2002 drilling activity table.

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