

## NPD – exploration drilling result

13/12/2004 Press Release No. 21/2004: Statoil ASA, the operator of production licences 050 and 120, has completed drilling wildcat well 34/10-48 S.

The main purpose of the well was to test a prospect called Topas in the Middle Jurassic age. The prospect is situated partly in block 34/10 (production licence 050) and partly in block 34/7 (production license 120), about three km north-east of the Gullfaks field and about five km south of the Visund field.

34/10-48 S was drilled from the Gullfaks C facility to a total length of 7393 metres, and a depth of 2849 metres below the sea surface. The well was completed in rocks from the Middle Jurassic age.

Oil has been proven in Middle Jurassic and Upper Triassic sandstones in both blocks, and there has been extensive collection of cores, logs and fluid samples. The licensees are considering applying for consent to conduct test production. Experience gained from this test production could provide vital information concerning the size and production characteristics of the discovery. The well will now be sidetracked to a more optimal position.

### **The licensees in production licences 120 and 050.**

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