

## NPD – exploration drilling result

30/09/2005 Press release 19/2005: Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS, operator of production license 283, is in the process of completing drilling on wildcat well 6605/8-1.

The drilling activity was carried out using the facility "*Transocean Leader*" in 838 meters of water on a sandstone prospect from the Cretaceous Age. The well was drilled to a total depth of 4490 m, and gas was encountered in the well.

The well was production tested with a gas rate of approx. 120.000 Sm<sup>3</sup>/day. The discovery is regarded as being positive for this area of the Norwegian Sea. Further appraisal drilling is needed in order to determine the resource potential.

The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned. The "*Transocean Leader*" will now go to work for Statoil.

### **The licensees in production license 283, blocks 6605/5,7,8,9 and 6606/7 are:**

Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS (operator) 30 %

Chevron Texaco Norge AS 25 %

Norske ConocoPhillips AS 25 %

Petoro AS 20 %

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