<u>NPD</u> – exploration drilling result

13/05/2005 Press release 9/2005: Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS, operator of production production license 090 in block 35/11, has concluded drilling the wildcat well 35/11-13. Oil and gas were encountered in the well.

The well was drilled just north of the Framfield at a water depth of 361 meters, using the "*Deepsea Trym*" drilling facility. The well was drilled to a total depth of 3266 meters, and oil and gas were encountered in the well, which was drilled on a separate sandstone prospect from the Late Jurassic Age.

The results from the well are considered to be positive. The discovery is located in an area with developed infrastructure for production and transport of petroleum. The prospects of the discovery being commercial are regarded as being good. The discovery was production tested with an oil rate of 500 Sm³, or 3150 bbls/day.

The well confirms the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate's opinion that commercial discoveries can still be made in the thoroughly explored parts of the Norwegian shelf.

The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned. The rig "*Deepsea Trym*" will then move on to the Troll field to drill a production well.

The licensees in production license 090 are:

Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS (operator) 25% Mobil Development Norway AS 25% Statoil ASA 20% Idemitsu Petroleum Norge 15% Gaz de France Norge AS 15%

See <u>Factpages</u> for more information about this wellbore.