

## NPD – exploration drilling result

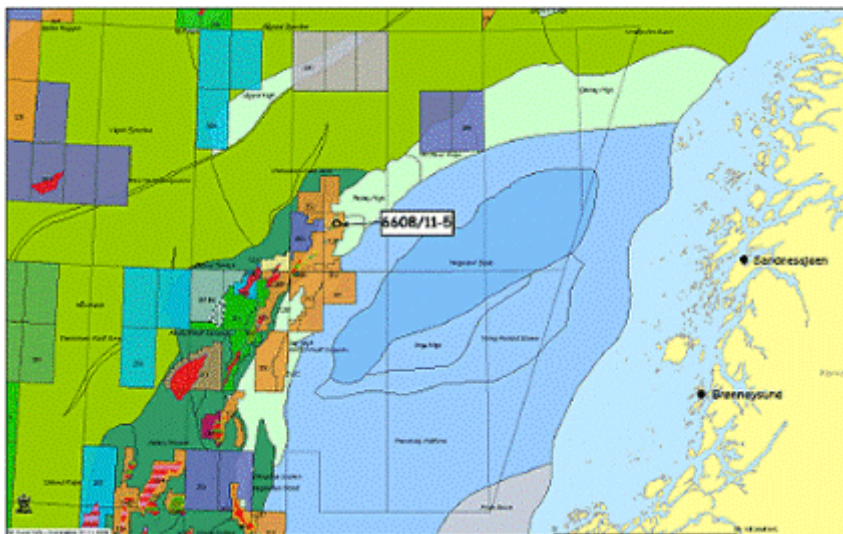
07/06/2006 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Statoil a drilling permit for well path 6608/11-5, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Regulations.

Well path 6608/11-5 will be drilled from the *Ocean Vanguard* drilling facility at position 66° 11' 09,5" North and 8° 28' 50,6" East.

The drilling program for well path 6608/11-5 applies to drilling of a wildcat well to the Valkyrie prospect in production licence 128.

The permission presupposes that other permissions and consents required from other authorities have been granted before the drilling activity commences.

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



# 6608/11-5

12/07/2006 Press release 21/2006: Statoil ASA, operator of Production Licence PL 128, has completed drilling wildcat well 6608/11-5, which is located on Haltenbanken.

The objective of the well was to explore the potential of oil and gas in sandstones of lower Jurassic (Åre formation) and upper Triassic (Greybeds) age in a prospect known as Valkyrie.

The prospect is located 25 km northeast of the Norne field and 2.7 km southeast of the Linerle discovery, which was discovered in 2004.

The well was drilled to a total depth of 2248 meters below sea-level and was completed in rocks of Triassic age.

The well found traces of hydrocarbons. Cores and logs taken in the well will be used to further investigate the area. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

6608/11-5 was drilled using the mobile drilling facility *Ocean Vanguard* in 342 meters of water. *Ocean Vanguard* will now be taken over by Norske Shell for use in production licence 093, Draugen.

**The licensees in PL 128 are:**

Statoil ASA (operator) 50,45 %

Petoro AS 24,55 %

Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS 13,50 %

Eni Norge AS 11,50 %