

## NPD – exploration drilling result

14/09/2006 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted AS Norske Shell drilling permission for wellbore 6406/6-2, production licence 255.

Wellbore 6406/6-2 will be drilled from the drilling facility West Alpha in position 64° 31' 0,47" N og 6° 53' 8,59" E.

The drilling programme for wellbore 6406/6-2 concerns drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 255.

### **The licensees in production licence 255 are:**

Shell: 30 % (operator)

Petoro: 30 %

Statoil: 20 %

Total: 20 %

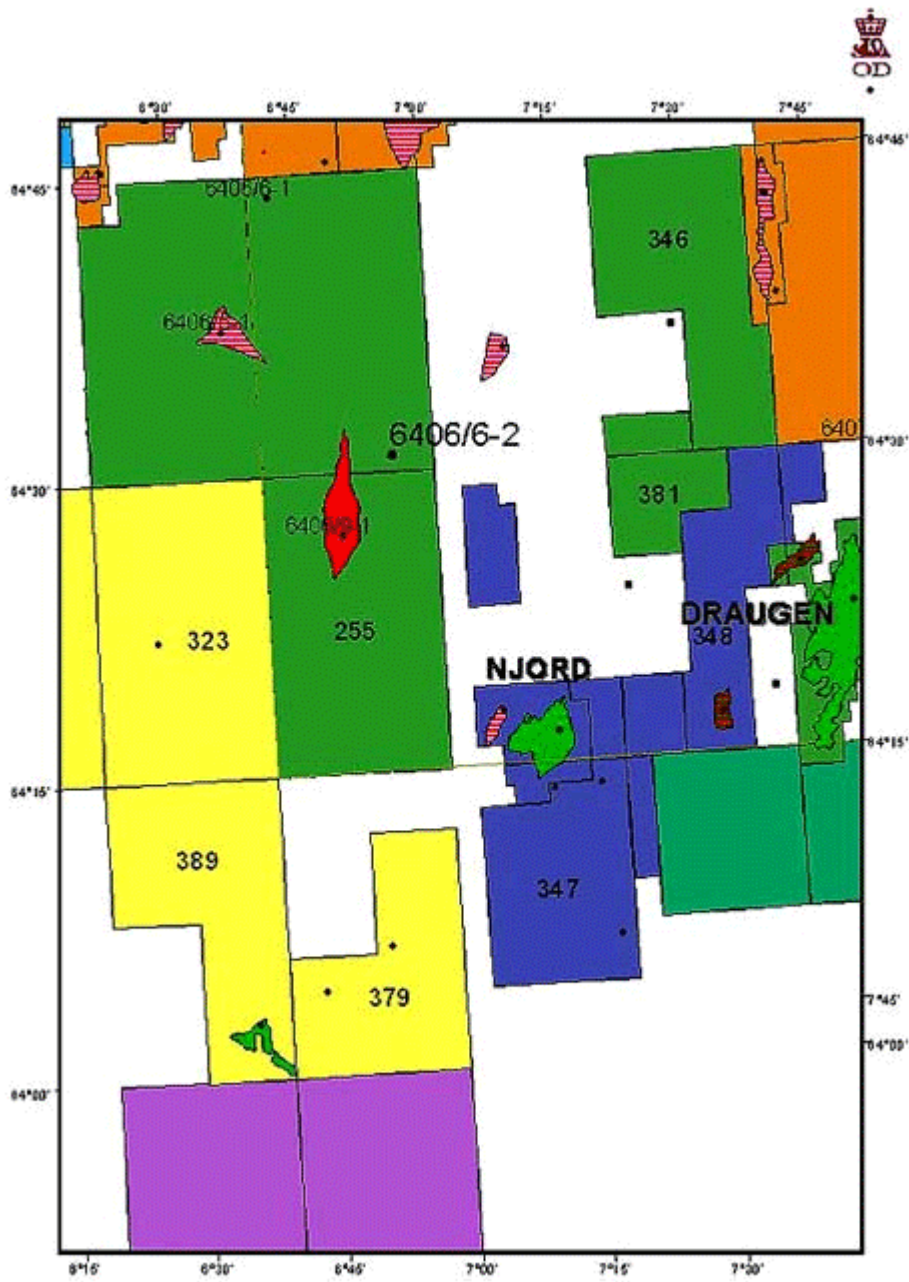
The area in this production licence consists of the three blocks; 6406/5, - 6 og - 9 in the southern portion of the Norwegian Sea, about 40 km west - northwest of the Draugen field and 20 km north of Njord. Production licence 255. was awarded in the 16th concession round in the year 2000.

6406/6-2 is the third well to be drilled within this production licence. The first well 6406/5-1 resulted in a gas/condensate discovery. The second well in the licence resulted in the 6406/9-1 gas discovery.

West Alpha is currently drilling well 6406/3-7 for Statoil i the Norwegian Sea.

The permit is granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by the authorities have been granted prior to commencement of the drilling activities.

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



6406/6-2

12/01/2007 Press Release 4/2007:AS Norske Shell, operator of production licence 255, is approaching completion of drilling on wildcat well 6406/6-2.

This is the third wildcat well in production licence 255, which covers blocks 6406/5, 6 and 9. The production licence was awarded in the 16th licencing round in 2000. The target of the well was a sandstone prospect from the Jurassic Age called called "Onyx vest". The prospect was located about 50 km west of the Draugen field and eight km from the 6406/9-1 gas discovery (in a prospect called "Onyx sørvest"). It was proven by Norske Shell in 2005.

Wildcat well 6406/6-2 was drilled to a total depth of 4652 m under the seabed into Early Jurassic rocks. The well was dry, and it will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The drilling operation was carried out by the semi-submersible drilling facility *West Alpha*, which will now continue drilling an appraisal well on the 6406/9-1 gas discovery in the same production license.

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Petoro AS:	30%
Statoil ASA:	20%
Total E&P Norge AS:	20%

