NPD – exploration drilling result

20/10/2006 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has given Total E & P Norge AS a drilling permit for well bore 6406/8-2, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Regulations.

The well bore 6406/8-2 will be drilled by drilling installation *Ocean Vanguard* in position 64° 28' 49,92" North and 06° 20' 17.56"East

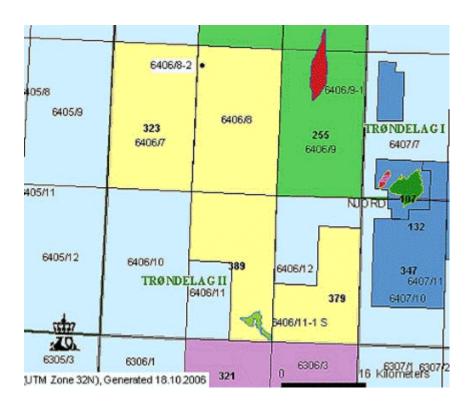
The drilling program for wellbore 6408/8-2 concerns drilling of an exploration well in Production License 323. Total is operator with 40 percent ownership, while ENI, Shell and Statoil are licensees with 20 percent each.

The acreage in this permit consists of the two blocks 6408/7 and – 8, which are located about 45 km northwest of the Njord field in southern part of the Norwegian Sea. Production License 323 was allocated in the 18th round in 2004. This is second well to be drilled in these blocks.

Ocean Vanguard has recently completed a drilling project on the Draugenfield for Shell in the southern section of the Norwegian Sea.

The drilling permit is given on the condition that the other permits and consents required by the authorities have been received before the drilling activity is started.

See Factpages for more information about this wellbore.



6406/8-2

12/03/2007 Press release 9/2007:Total E&P Norge AS, operator of production licence 323, has concluded drilling of wildcat well 6406/8-2.

The objective of the well was to examine the oil and gas potential in a Jurassic prospect called Hans, located 45 kilometers north-west of the Njord field in the Norwegian Sea.

Wildcat well 6406/8-2 was drilled to a total depth of 4700 meters below the sea surface and concluded in rocks from the Early Jurassic Age. The well was dry and it will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6406/8-2 was drilled using the semi-submersible drilling facility *Ocean Vanguard* in 365 meters of water. Statoil will now take over the *Ocean Vanguard* for drilling on the Snorre field.

Licensees in production licence 323:

Total E&P Norge AS (operator)	40%
Statoil ASA	20%
AS Norske Shell	20%
ENI Norge	20%