NPD – exploration drilling result

23/11/2006 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted a drilling permit to Talisman Energy Norge AS for wellbore 15/12-17 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Regulations.

Well bore 15/12-17 S will be drilled from the drilling installation $M \alpha r s k G i a n t$ at 58° 01' 42.62" North and 1° 55' 23.62" East.

The drilling programme for wellbore 15/12-17 S concerns drilling of an appraisal well in Production Licence 038. Talisman is the operator (65%), and the other licensees are Petoro (30%) and Pertra (5%). The area belonging to this licence is located in the southern part of block 15/12, just south of Varg which is again located further to the south of Sleipner Øst in the North Sea.

Production licence 038 was awarded as an addition to the 3rd round in 1975. Altogether 16 wells have previously been drilled in this block. *Mærsk Giant* will be arriving from repairs in Denmark.

The permit is contingent upon receipt of other permits and consents required by other authorities prior to start-up of the drilling activities.

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

