

NPD – exploration drilling result

14/09/2007 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS a drilling permit for wellbore 6609/6-1 in the Norwegian Sea.

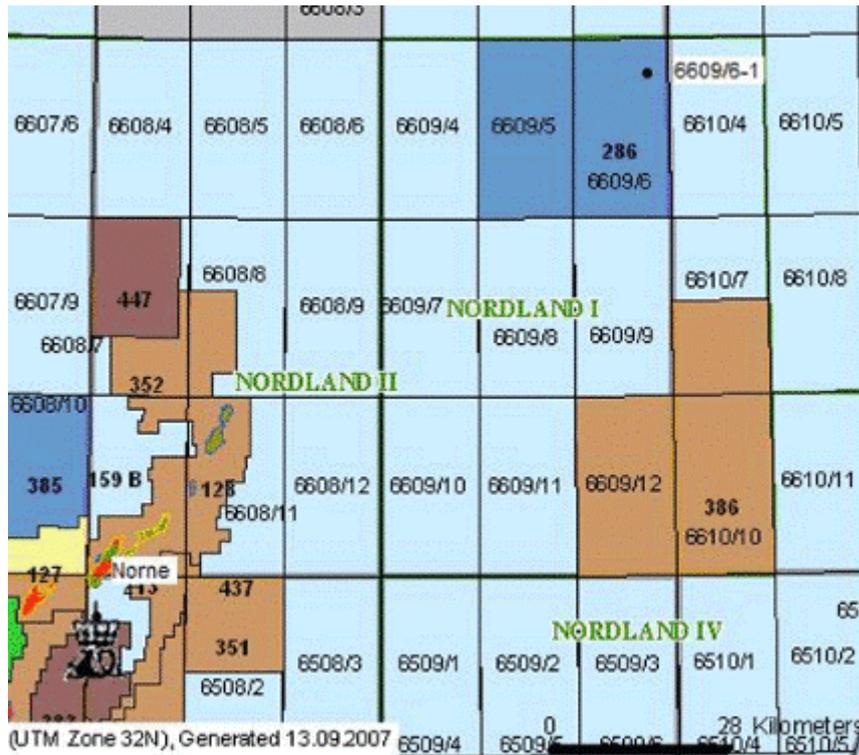
The drilling program for wellbore 6609/6-1 applies to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 286. Hydro is the operator with an ownership interest of 60 per cent, and ENI is a licensee with an ownership interest of 40 per cent.

The area in this licence consists of blocks 6609/5 and 6609/6, which are located approx. 100 km north-east of the Norne field. Production licence 286 was awarded in the 17th licensing round in 2002. This is the second well to be drilled in these blocks.

Wellbore 6609/6-1 will be drilled from the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility at position 65° 41' 59.5" north and 09° 56' 01.2" east.

The drilling permit is granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by other authorities have been secured before the drilling activity commences.

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



6609/6-1

05/11/2007 Press release 40/2007: StatoilHydro ASA, operator of production licence 286, has completed drilling of wildcat well 6609/6-1.

The well was drilled on the "Snøhetta" prospect in block 6609 on Nordlandsryggen, about 100 km north-west of the Norne field . The primary target of the well was to test the hydrocarbon potential in sandstone from the Cretaceous Age, while the secondary target was a potential prospect in the Eocene (Tertiary).

The well did not prove hydrocarbons, and only a thin layer of sandstone was encountered in the potential reservoir zones. This was the first well drilled in this production licence, which was awarded in the 17th licensing round in 2002. The well was drilled to a total depth of 2710 meters below the sea surface, and was concluded in rocks from the Triassic Age. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6609/6-1 was drilled by the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility in 330 m of water. The *Polar Pioneer* will now proceed to the Snøhvit Unit to drill well 7120/8-

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The licensees in production licence 286 are:

StatoilHydro ASA (Operator)	60%
Eni Norge AS	20%
Wintershall Norge AS	20%

