

## NPD – exploration drilling result

14/05/2008 Press release 27/2008:BG Norge AS, operator of production license PL292, is completing exploration well 15/12-19 in the North Sea. The well, located south of the Varg field, proved a gas and oil accumulation in reservoirs of Jurassic (Sleipner fm.) and Triassic (Skagerrak fm.) age.

A comprehensive data acquisition programme has been carried out. The well was tested with an oil rate of approximately 750 Sm<sup>3</sup>/day.

The overall resource potential is currently being evaluated. A preliminary estimate indicates recoverable reserves of between 3 and 5 mill Sm<sup>3</sup> of oil equivalent which also includes the 6/3-1 discovery.

Field development studies are already initiated to progress a potential development of the discovery.

The well was drilled with the Jack-Up *Mærsk Guardian* in a water depth of 86 meters to a total vertical depth of 3169 meters below sea level.

Production License 292 was awarded in the North Sea licensing round in 2002 to DNO as operator. The operatorship was transferred from Lundin to BG in 2005. BG has 60 per cent equity with Lundin holding the remaining 40 per cent. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned. *The Mærsk Guardian* will move to PL 274 to drill exploration well 1/3-11 for Dong.

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

# 5/12-19

15/01/2008 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted BG Norge AS a drilling permit for well 15/12-19 in the North Sea.

The drilling program for wellbore 15/12-19 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 292 in the southern part of the North Sea.

BG Norge AS is the operator and has an ownership interest of 60 per cent, while Lundin Norway AS is a licensee with an interest of 40 per cent.

The area in the licence consists of parts of block 15/12 and the whole of block 6/3. Production Licence 292 was awarded in 2003 and includes the oil discovery 6/3-1 PI, which was proven by Statoil in 1985. Wellbore 15/12-19 is the first exploration well to be drilled in this production licence, and it will be drilled from the drilling facility *Mærsk Guardian*.

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



