

NPD – exploration drilling result

11/03/2008 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted StatoilHydro Petroleum AS a drilling permit for wellbore 6507/11-9, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 6507/11-9 will be drilled from the *West Alpha* drilling facility at position 65 09` 7.8" N and 7 25` 10.6" E.

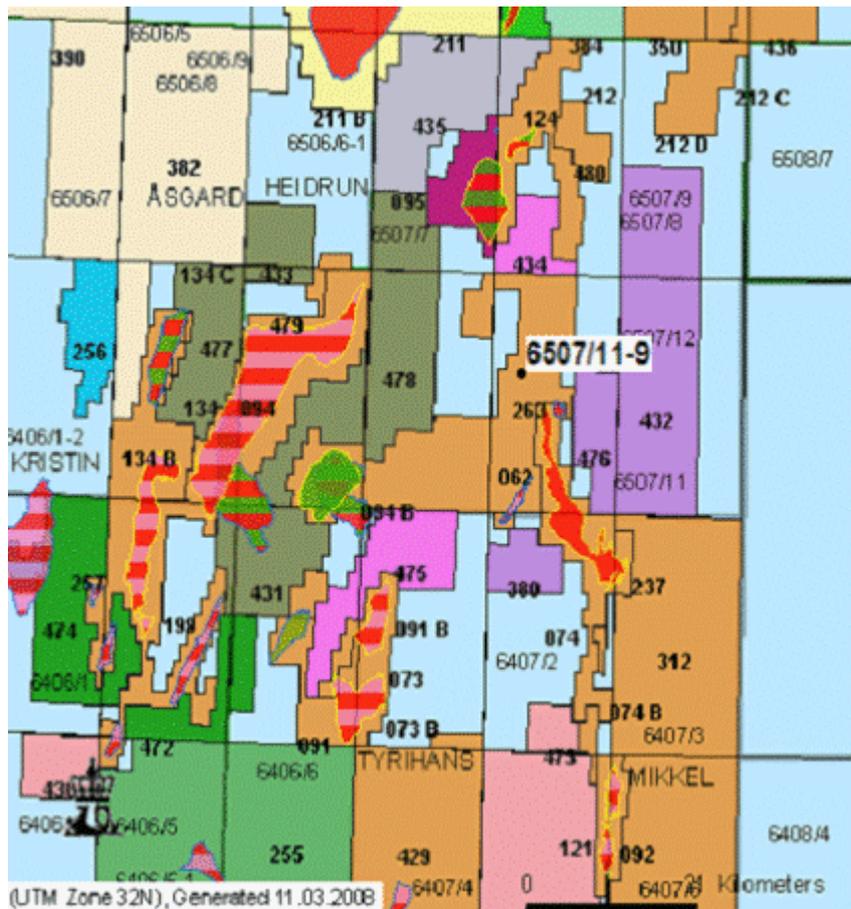
The drilling programme for wellbore 6507/11-9 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 263. StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator with 40 per cent and StatoilHydro ASA and Bayerngas Norge AS are partners with 30 per cent each.

The acreage in the production licence is located 230 kilometres north-northwest of Kristiansund and consists of the blocks 6607/10 and 6607/11. Production licence 263 was awarded in 2000 in the 16th licensing round with Norsk Hydro Produksjon AS as operator.

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The drilling permit is contingent upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities before drilling commences.

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14/04/2008 Press Release 19/2008: StatoilHydro ASA, operator of production licence 263, has concluded drilling of wildcat well 6507/11-9. The well is situated about five kilometres north-west of Midgard, which is part of the Åsgard field in the Norwegian Sea.

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The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks.

The well proved gas in the Middle Jurassic, and the preliminary estimate of the size of the discovery is about 1.5 billion standard cubic metres of recoverable gas.

The well was not formation-tested, but extensive data collection and sampling were carried out.

The licensees in the production licence will consider producing the discovery in conjunction with the Åsgard field.

This well was the third exploration well in production licence 263, which was awarded in the 16th licensing round. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3040 m below the sea surface, and was concluded in rocks from the Lower Jurassic. The water depth at the site is 299 m. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6507/11-9 was drilled by the *West Alpha* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 348 in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat wells 6407/8-4 S and A, operated by StatoilHydro ASA.

The licensees in production licence 263.

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