## <u>NPD</u> – exploration drilling result

16/10/2008 Press Release 55/2008: StatoilHydro ASA, operator of production licence 218, has concluded drilling of wildcat well 6707/10-2 S. The well is located just south-east of the 6707/10-1 ("Luva") gas discovery in the Norwegian Sea and 280 kilometres west of Sandnessjøen.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks from the Upper Cretaceous (the Nise formation), and it was drilled on a prospect called Haklang.

The well proved gas in the Nise formation. A 127 metre gas column with good reservoir properties was proven. The size of the discovery is 8-14 billion Sm<sup>3</sup> of recoverable gas. Extensive data collection and sampling have been carried out, and a sidetrack will be drilled into a deeper prospect.

The licensees in the production licence will now consider development of the discovery together with the nearby 6707/10-1 ("Luva") and 6706/12-1 ("Snefrid Sør") discoveries.

This well was the third exploration well in production licence 218, which was awarded in the 15th licensing round in 1996.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3356 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in the Nise formation in the Upper Cretaceous.

Water depth at the site was 1248 metres.

Well 6707/10-2 S was drilled by the *Transocean Leader*, which will now drill the 6707/10-2 A sidetrack in the same production licence.

The licensees in production licence 218 : (see NPD's fact pages)

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

