

NPD – exploration drilling result

01/10/2008 Press Release 51/2008: BG Norge AS, operator of production licence 373 S, is currently concluding its drilling of appraisal well 34/3-1 A on the 34/3-1 S oil discovery. The well is located 45 km north-east of the Snorre field in the northern part of the North Sea.

The exploration target for the well was to delineate the 34/3-1 S (Jordbær) discovery, which earlier this year proved oil in Lower Jurassic rocks. The well encountered the oil-water contact for the discovery.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the size of the discovery is within a range of uncertainty from 9 – 13 million standard cubic metres of recoverable oil equivalents. The well was not formation-tested, but extensive data collection and sampling have been conducted.

This is the second exploration well in production licence 373 S, which was awarded in APA 2005.

The appraisal well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3974 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in Lower Jurassic rocks.

The drilling activity was carried out using the *Bredford Dolphin* drilling facility at a water depth of 400 metres. The well will now be plugged and abandoned, and the Bredford Dolphin will move on to production licence 338 to drill appraisal well 16/1-8 for Lundin.

The licensees in production licence 373 S (see NPD's fact pages)

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