

NPD – exploration drilling result

20/11/2008 Press release 62/2008: StatoilHydro ASA, operator of production licence 218, is currently concluding the drilling of wildcat well 6707/10-2 A. The well is located southeast of the 6707/10-1 gas discovery (Luva) and 280 kilometres northwest of Sandnessjøen.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Cretaceous reservoir rocks. The well was a planned sidetrack to a deeper prospect, following the discovery of 8 – 14 billion Sm³ of recoverable gas in October 2008 by means of the discovery well 6707/10-2 S in the Upper Cretaceous (Nise formation) in a prospect called Haklang.

6707/10-2 A proved gas of medium quality in Upper Cretaceous reservoir rocks. It proved a 38-metre column in the lower part of the Nise formation. The well was not formation-tested, but extensive data collection and sampling have been performed. Further evaluation is needed to determine whether the discovery is commercially viable, viewed in context with a potential field development of the 6707/10-2 S (Haklang) discovery, and the nearby discoveries 6707/10-1 (Luva) and 6706/12-1 (Snefrid Sør).

The well is the fourth wildcat well in production licence 218, which was awarded in the 15th licensing round in 1996.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 4325 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in the lower portions of the Nise formation in Upper Cretaceous strata.

Water depth at the site is 1248 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the *Transocean Leader*, which will now drill wildcat well 6605/1-1 in production licence 328, where StatoilHydro ASA is the operator.

Licensees in production licence 218 (see NPD's fact pages)

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