

NPD – exploration drilling result

27/08/2008 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted a drilling permit for wellbore 3/7-7 to Dong E&P Norge AS.

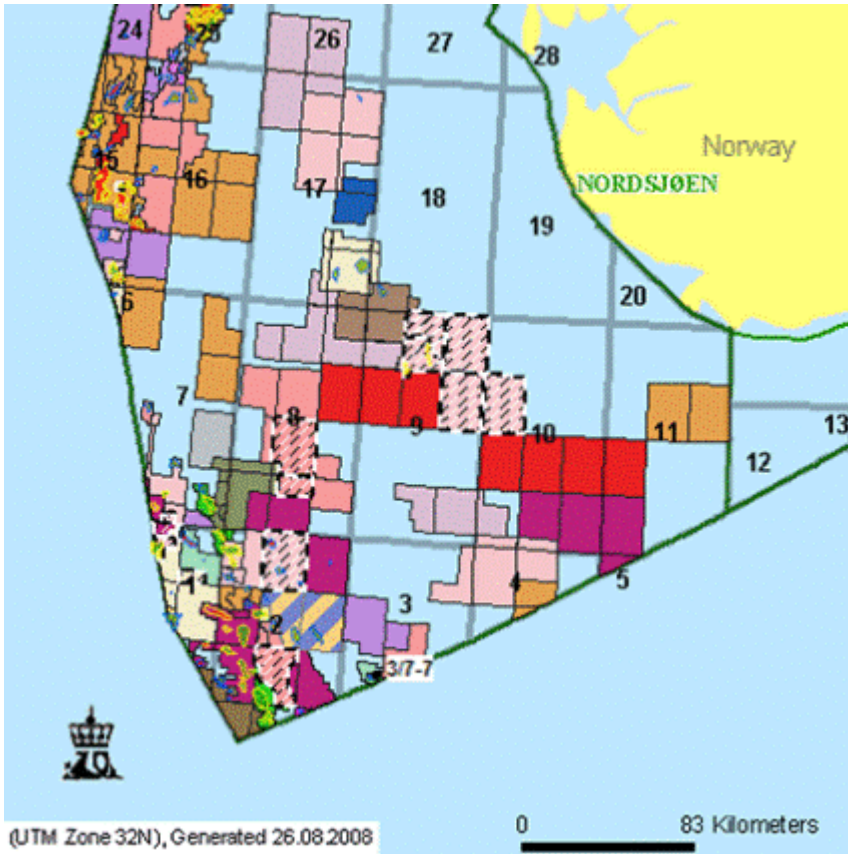
Wellbore 3/7-7 will be drilled from the *Mærsk Guardian* drilling facility at position 56°24' 10.32"N and 4°18' 02.91"E following the drilling of wildcat well 1/3-11 for Dong E&P Norge AS in production license 274. The drilling program for wellbore 3/7-7 applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 289.

Dong E&P Norge AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 40 per cent. The other licensees are Talisman Energy Norge with an ownership interest of 30 per cent, Gaz de France Norge AS with an ownership interest of 16 per cent and Faroe Petroleum Norge AS with an ownership interest of 14 per cent.

The area in this permit consists of parts of block 3/7 in the far south of the North Sea. The well will be drilled just east of the 3/7-4 discovery proven in 1990 near the border with the Danish shelf.

The licence was awarded in 2003 (NST 2002). This is the 7th well in this permit. The drilling permit is granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by other authorities have been secured before the drilling activity commences.

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



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23/10/2008 Press release 58/2008: DONG E&P Norge AS, operator of production license 289, has completed drilling of exploration well 3/7-7. The well is located four km east of the Trym field in the southern part of the North Sea, near the border to the Danish sector.

The purpose of the well was to find hydrocarbons in Late Jurassic reservoir rocks. The well found good reservoir rocks, but no movable hydrocarbons. It is therefore classified as dry. The well is the first exploration well drilled in production license 289, awarded in 2003.

Exploration well 3/7-7 was drilled to a total depth of 3888 m subsea, and terminated in rocks of Late Jurassic age. The water depth was 65 meters. It will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 3/7-7 was drilled by the *Mærsk Guardian* facility which will move to production license 299 to drill exploration well 2/1-13S for Talisman Energy Norge AS.

The licensees in production licence 289 (see NPD's fact pages)

