

NPD – exploration drilling result

13/01/2009 Press release 4/2009: StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 296, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 2/5-13, 25 kilometres north-east of the Ekofisk field in the North Sea. The well was dry.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Late Jurassic rocks. As projected, the well encountered rocks of medium thickness and satisfactory quality. The well did not prove mobile petroleum, and it will be classified as a dry well.

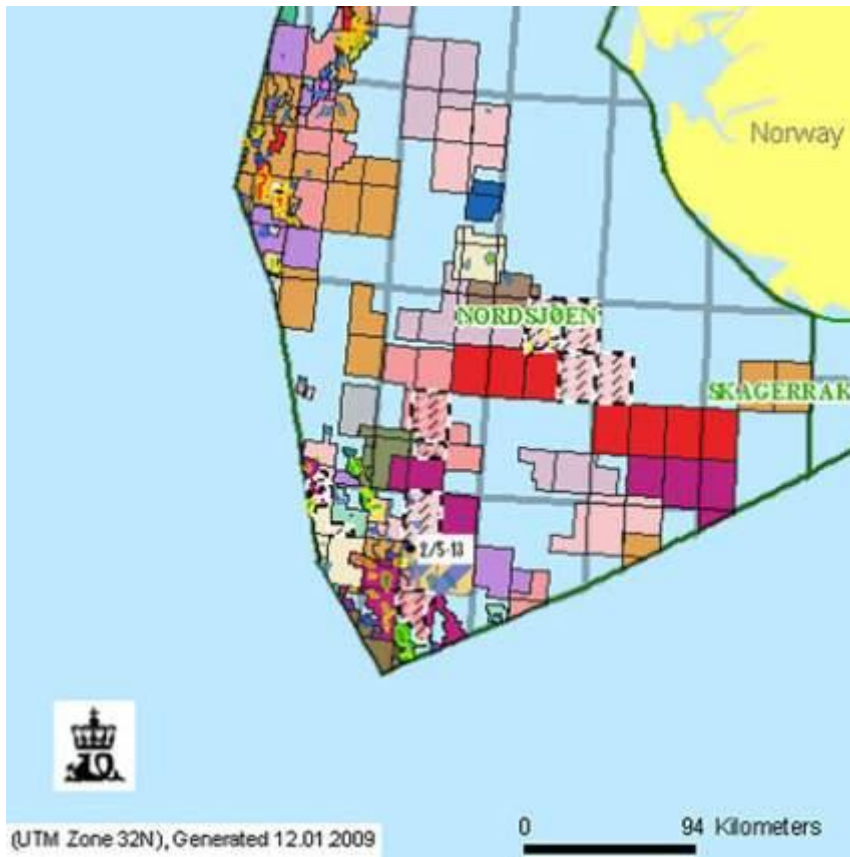
A standard logging and sampling program was carried out. The well has provided valuable information about the area, and the well data will be evaluated in order to map further resource potential in production licences 296 and 355.

The well was the first to be drilled in production licence 296, which was awarded in the Awards in Predefined Areas (APA) in 2003. The well was a commitment well in the production licence, but was drilled as a joint well with cost sharing with production licence 355.

The wildcat well had high pressure and high temperature. It was drilled to a vertical depth of 4626 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in rocks presumed to be from the Early Jurassic Age.

Well 2/5-13 was drilled in 65 metres of water by the jack-up drilling facility West Epsilon. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned. The facility will proceed to production licence 265 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 16/2-5, operated by StatoilHydro ASA.

Licensees in production licence 296 and 355 (see NPD's fact pages)



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

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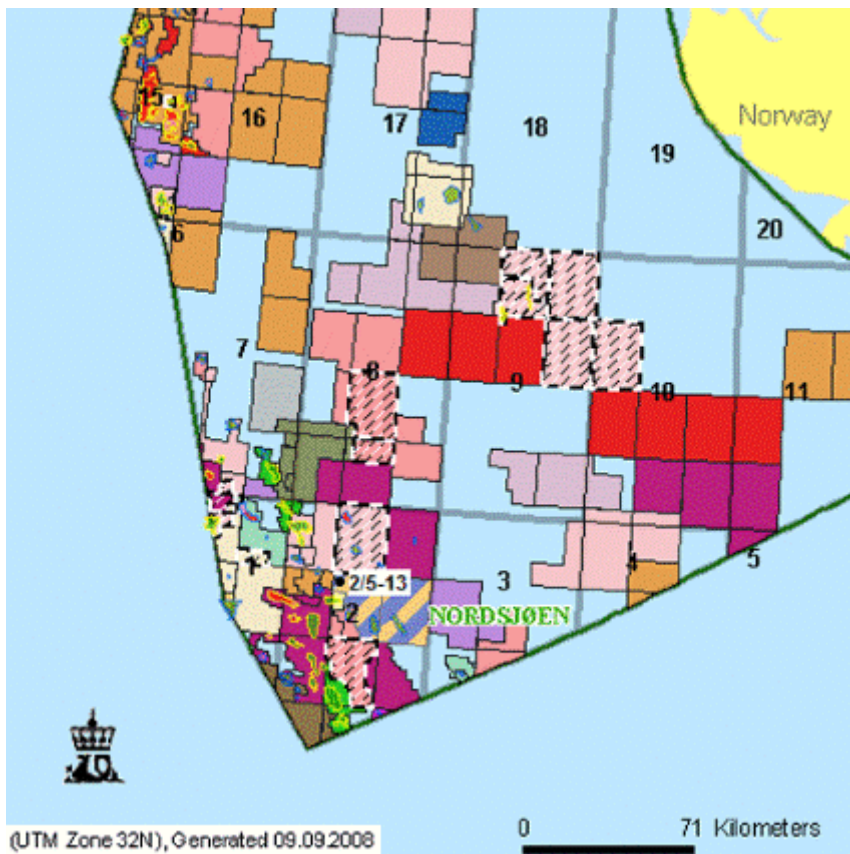
11/09/2008 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted a drilling permit to StatoilHydro Petroleum AS for wellbore 2/5-13

Wellbore 2/5-13 will be drilled from the *West Epsilon* drilling facility at position 56°42'3.60"N and 03°23'27.00"E. The drilling program for wellbore 2/5-13 relates to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 296.

StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 60 per cent. Maersk Oil Norway AS is the other licensee, with an ownership interest of 40 per cent.

The area in this licence consists of parts of block 2/5 and all of block 2/6 in the southern North Sea, north-east of the Ekofisk area.

The production licence was awarded in 2003 (APA 2003). This is the 13th exploration well in this licence. The permit has been granted on the condition that all permits and consents required by other authorities must be secured before the drilling activity commences.



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