NPD – exploration drilling result

23/10/2008 Press release 57/2008: StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 107, has concluded the drilling of appraisal well 6407/7-8 A on the gas/condensate discovery 6407/7-8. The appraisal well was drilled as a sidetrack to the discovery well 6407/7-8, and is located about 16 kilometres north of the Njord field in the Norwegian Sea.

The purpose of well 6407/7-8 A was to confirm the gas-water contact and the size of the discovery, which has reservoir rocks in the Middle to Lower Jurassic. The discovery was proven in September 2008 in a prospect called Noatun.

Data has been collected in the well to confirm the size of the discovery. The preliminary estimate for proven recoverable resources is from 5 – 8 million Sm³ oil equivalents. The gas-water contact was not encountered in the well. Consideration will be given to developing the discovery with tie-in to the Njord field.

This is the 12th exploration well in production licence 107, which was awarded in the 9th licensing round in 1985.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 5050 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in the Åre formation in the Lower Jurassic.

Water depth at the site is 293 metres. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled using the semi-submersible drilling facility *West Alpha*, which will now drill wildcat well 30/11-7 in production licence 035, where StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is operator.

Licensees in production licence 107 (see NPD's fact pages)

See Factpages for more information about this wellbore.

