

NPD – exploration drilling result

01/12/2008 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has issued a drilling permit to StatoilHydro Petroleum AS for wellbore 6605/1-1, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 6605/1-1 will be drilled from the *Transocean Leader* drilling facility at position 66° 48' 23.7" N and 05° 10' 32.2" E.

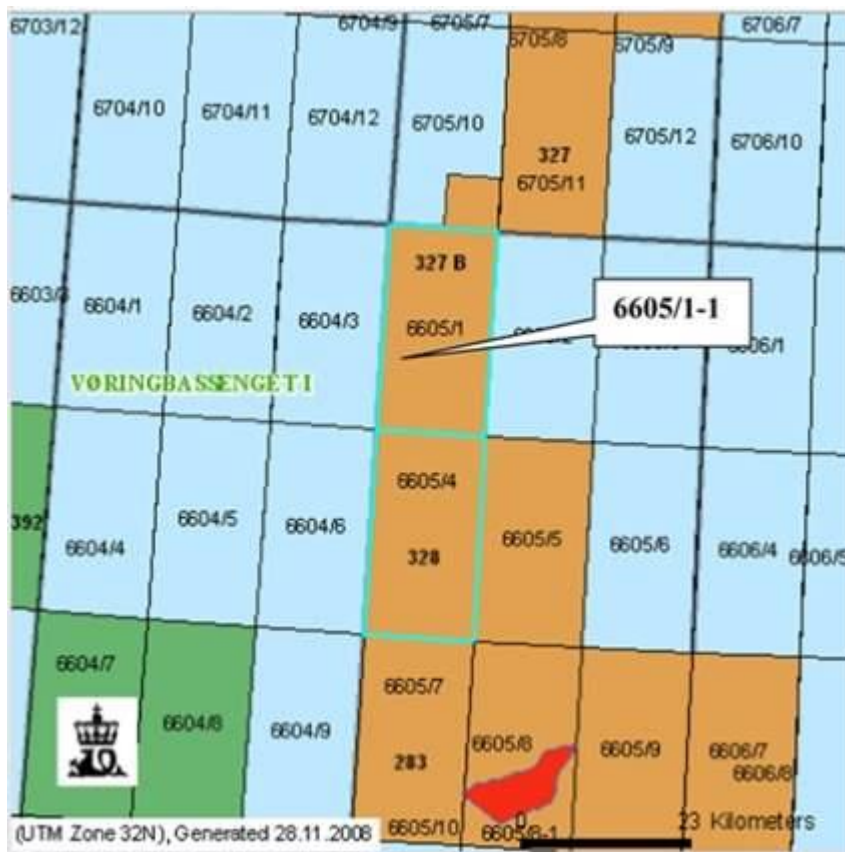
The drilling program for wellbore 6605/1-1 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 328. StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator with 42.5%, and with Gaz de France 30%, Norske Shell AS 7.5% and Petoro AS with 20% as the other licensees.

The well will be drilled in the Vøring Basin, about 352 km northwest of Brønnøysund, 30 km southeast of well 6704/12-1 (Gjallar) and 55 km northwest of 6605/8-1 (Stetind 1). Production licence 328 was awarded in the 18th licensing round on the Norwegian shelf in 2004.

Wildcat well 6605/1-1 is the first well in production licence 328.

The drilling permit is conditional upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities prior to commencing the drilling activity.

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



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23/01/2009 Press Release 06/2009: StatoilHydro ASA, operator of production licence 328, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 6605/1-1. The well is situated 355 kilometres west of Brønnøysund, and was dry.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Cretaceous reservoir rocks. No mobile hydrocarbons were proven. Rocks with good reservoir quality were encountered in Upper Cretaceous reservoir rocks.

The well was not formation-tested, but extensive data collection and sampling of the reservoir were carried out. The licensees will now evaluate the results to determine the resource potential in the production licence.

The well was the first to be drilled in production licence 328, which was awarded in the 18th licensing round in 2004.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3945 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in the Nise formation in the Upper Cretaceous. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled in 1158 metres of water by the *Transocean Leader* drilling facility, which will now move on to production licence 327 B in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat well 6705/10-1 where StatoilHydro ASA is the operator.

Licensees in production licence 328

