

NPD – exploration drilling result

23/03/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted StatoilHydro ASA a drilling permit for wellbores 34/8-13 A and 34/8-13 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

The drilling programme for wellbores 34/8-13 A and 34/8-13 S concerns the drilling of appraisal wells in production licence 120. The wells will be drilled from the drilling facility *Scarabeo 5* at position 61°24' 14.8" North and 02°34' 50.0" East.

The area in this permit consists of block 34/8 in the North Sea. The Visund field is located in this block. StatoilHydro ASA is the operator, with an interest of 59.06 per cent. The other licensees are Petoro AS (16.94 per cent), ConocoPhillips Skandinavia AS (13 per cent) and Total E&P Norge AS (11 per cent).

The drilling permit has been 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.

34/8-13 A and 34/8-13 S

23/06/2009 Press Release 40/2009: StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 120, has concluded the drilling of wildcat wells 34/8-13 A and 34/8-13 S. These wells, both of which proved oil, were drilled east of the Visund field in the North Sea.

The objective of the wells was to prove petroleum in the Brent group in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks. Well 34/8-13 A proved a 15-metre oil column in sandstone from the Upper Jurassic, while the underlying Brent group in the Middle Jurassic was water-filled.

Well 34/8-13 S was then drilled 2.7 km southeast of 34/8-13 A, and encountered a 20-metre oil column in the Brent group.

Communication probably exists between the oil zones in the two wells, and extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out on both wells.

The size of the discovery is between 0.9 and 2.0 million standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable oil equivalents.

The licensees in the production licence will consider producing the discovery via the Visund field.

The wells are the 21st and 22nd exploration wells in production licence 120.

Well 34/8-13 A was drilled to a vertical depth of 3108 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Statfjord formation in the Lower Jurassic. Well 34/8-13 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 3258 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Hegre group in the Triassic. The wells will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Wells 34/8-13 A and 34/8-13 S were drilled at a water depth of 381 metres by the *Scarabeo 5* drilling facility, which will now move to production licence 199 in the Norwegian Sea to drill development wells on the Kristin field, operated by StatoilHydro Petroleum AS.

The licensees in [production licence 120](#)

