

NPD – exploration drilling result

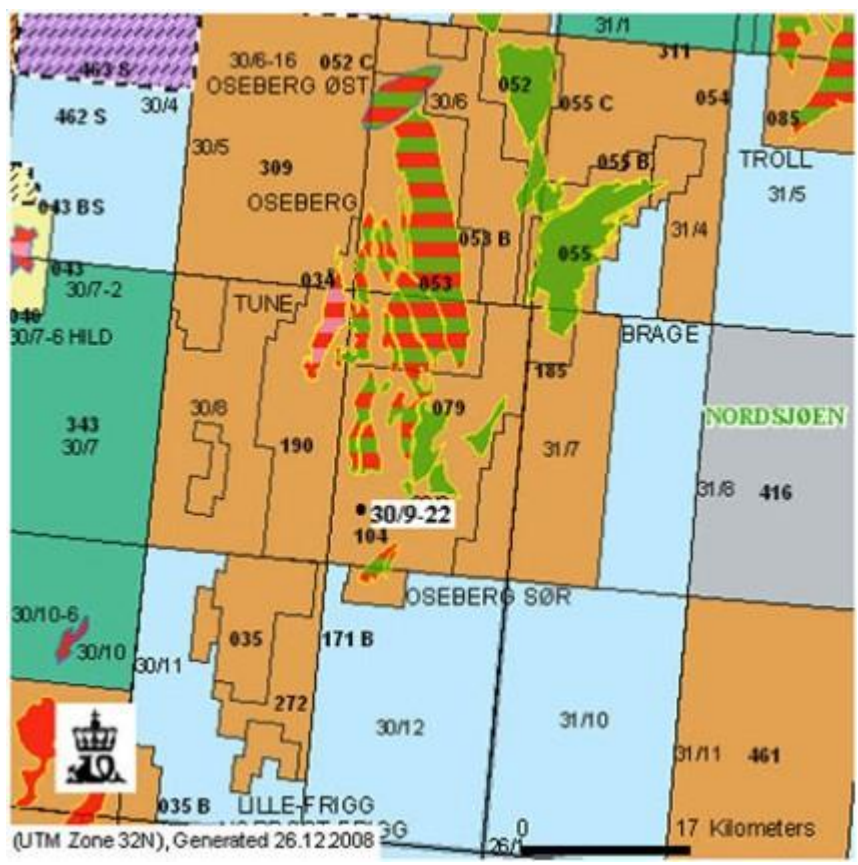
15/01/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted StatoilHydro Petroleum AS a drilling permit for wellbore 30/9-22, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 30/9-22 will be drilled from the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility at position 60° 17' 32.38" North and 02° 42' 6.46" East, after the facility concludes drilling of wildcat well 7223/5-1 for StatoilHydro Petroleum AS in production licence 228.

The drilling program for wellbore 30/9-22 relates to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 104. StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator with a 34.0 per cent ownership interest. The licensees are ConocoPhillips Skandinavia AS with 2.4 per cent, ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS with 4.7 per cent, Petoro with 33.6 per cent, Total E&P Norge AS with 10.0 per cent and StatoilHydro ASA with 15.3 per cent. The area in this production licence consists of parts of block 30/9. The licence was awarded in the 9th licensing round in 1985.

The permit is conditional upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities before the drilling activity commences.

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



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09/03/2009 Press Release 14/2009: StatoilHydro Petroleum ASA, operator of production licence 104, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 30/9-22. The well is located about 11 km southwest of the Oseberg Sør platform in the North Sea.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Brent group).

The well proved gas in Upper Jurassic reservoir rocks belonging to the Heather formation, as well as gas and oil in the upper part of the Brent group. The proven recoverable volumes are 8-13 million Sm³ oil equivalents, with most of the resources located in the upper part of the Brent group. The discovery has not been tested, but extensive data collection and sampling have been carried out. The discovery will probably be developed and produced as a tie-in to one of the seabed facilities in the Oseberg area.

The well is the 20th exploration well in production licence 104, which was awarded in the 9th licensing round in 1985.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3231 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in rocks from the Early Jurassic Age.

The water depth at the site was 95 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 30/9-22 was drilled by the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 120 in the North Sea to drill development well 34/8-B1 AHT2 on the Visund field, operated by StatoilHydro Petroleum AS.

The licensees in [production licence 104](#)