NPD – exploration drilling result

17/04/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted StatoilHydro Petroleum AS a drilling permit for wellbore 30/5-3 A, cf. the Resource Management Regulations Section 8.

Wellbore 30/5-3 A will be drilled from the drilling facility *Transocean Winner* at position 60° 39′ 26.3″ North and 02° 39′ 33.6″ East as a sidetrack from the main wellbore 30/5-3.

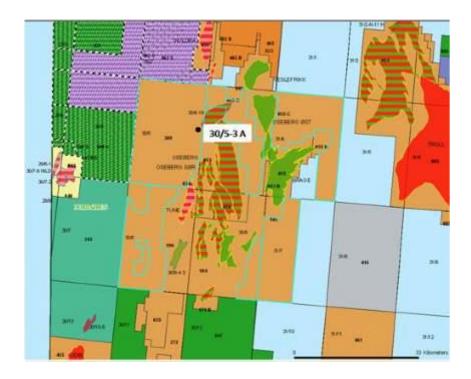
The drilling program for wellbore 30/5-3 A is for the drilling of a wildcat well in production license 309. StatoilHydro is the operator with an ownership interest of 44 percent. The other licensees are ConocoPhillips Scandinavia AS with 2.58 percent, StatoilHydro ASA with 19.82 percent and Petoro AS with 33.6 percent.

Well 30/5-3 A lies northwest of Oseberg, 30 kilometers south of the Huldra field and 22 kilometers north of Tune.

The area in this production license consists of parts of blocks 30/5, 30/6, 30/8, 30/9, 31/4 and 31/7 and was awarded in APA 2003. This is a sidetrack well which will be drilled from the first well in the production license.

The drilling permit is granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by other authorities have been secured before the drilling activity commences.

See <u>Factpages</u> for more information about this wellbore.



30/5-3 A

28/05/2009 Press Release 29/2009: StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 309, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 30/5-3 A, which proved small amounts of gas. The well is located 7.5 km north-west of the Oseberg C platform in the North Sea.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Cretaceous reservoir rocks. The drilling activity showed that no such reservoir rocks were present.

However, small amounts of gas were proven in reservoir rocks in the Draupne Formation from the Late Jurassic. The thickness of the reservoir has not been determined as technical drilling issues prevented deeper drilling. The proven gas-bearing interval is at least 50 metres thick and contains gas-filled sand units separated by shaly intervals. The size of the discovery cannot be evaluated until a potential delineation has been conducted.

The well was not formation-tested, but extensive data collection and sampling have been carried out.

This well was the second exploration well in production licence 309, which was awarded in APA 2003 (Awards in Predefined Areas).

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3991 metres below the sea surface, and was concluded in the Draupne Formation in the Upper Jurassic.

The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the *Transocean Winner* drilling facility in 113 metres of water.

The facility will now be moved to production licence 318 to drill appraisal well 35/2-2 on the 35/2-1 discovery in the North Sea, where StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator.

Licensees in production licence 309

