## **<u>NPD</u>** – exploration drilling result

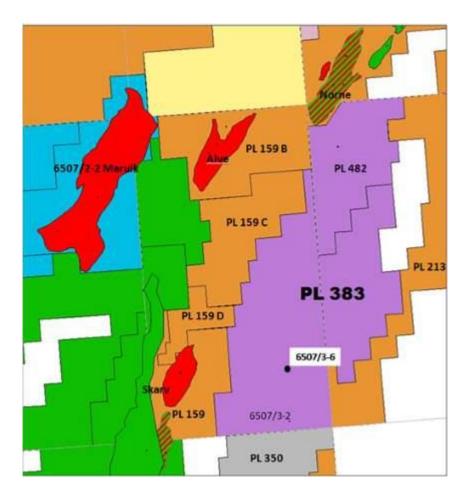
25/05/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has awarded a drilling permit to Det norske oljeselskap ASA for wellbore 6507/3-6, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 6507/3-6 will be drilled by the drilling facility *Bredford Dolphin* at position 65°47' 47.37" N and 07°55' 16.50" E.

The drilling program for wellbore 6507/3-6 applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 383, which is located to the east of the Skarv field in the Norwegian Sea. Det norske oljeselskap is the operator and has a licence share of 55 per cent. Concedo ASA and VNG Norge AS are the other licensees, with 15 per cent and 30 per cent stakes respectively. The area of the production licence is made up of parts of blocks 6507/3 and 6508/1, and was awarded under Awards in Predefined Areas 2005 (APA 2005) in January 2006. This is the first well in this production licence. A wildcat well has previously been drilled in the area included in the production license, 6507/3-2. The area was at that time part of production licence 159 and Statoil was the operator.

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

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



## 6507/3-6

26/06/2009 Press Release 42/2009: Det norske oljeselskap ASA, operator of production licence 383, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 6507/3-6. The well was drilled 27 km south of the Norne field in the Norwegian Sea, and was dry.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle to Lower Jurassic reservoir rocks. The well is dry.

Rocks of considerable thickness and satisfactory reservoir quality were encountered in the Tilje formation from the Early Jurassic.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 1650 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in rocks from the Early Jurassic (Åre formation). The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well is the first exploration well in <u>production licence 383</u>, which was awarded in January 2006 as part of the Awards in Predefined Areas 2005 (APA 2005).

Well 6507/3-6 was drilled in 377 metres of water by the *Bredford Dolphin* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 270 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 35/3-7, operated by the company VNG Norge (Operations) AS.

