

NPD – exploration drilling result

23/03/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS a drilling permit for wellbore 25/8-16 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 25/8-16 S will be drilled from the drilling facility *Bredford Dolphin* at position 59° 24' 56.25" North and 02° 29' 2.34" East following completed drilling of wildcat well 15/6-10 for ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS in production licence 029 B.

The drilling programme for wellbore 25/8-16 S concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 027 D. ExxonMobil is the operator with a 50 per cent interest, while the other licensees are Dana and Det norske with 40 and 10 per cent respectively. The area for this permit consists of parts of block 25/8. Well 25/8-16 S is located just southeast of the middle part of the Jotun field in the North Sea.

Production licence 027 D was awarded on 7 December 2007 as a supplement to the 1st licensing round. This is the first well to be drilled in the production licence.

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.

25/8-16 S and 25/8-16 A

22/05/2009 Press Release 28/2009: ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS (ExxonMobil), operator of production licence 027 D, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 25/8-16 S and appraisal well 25/8-16 A. Det norske oljeselskap ASA (Det norske) carried out the drilling operations on behalf of ExxonMobil. The wells are located approximately 6 kilometres southeast of the Jotun field in the North Sea.

The primary exploration target for the well was to prove petroleum in Paleocene reservoir rocks. The secondary exploration target was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks from the Lower Jurassic. Limited quantities of oil were proven in a relatively thin reservoir in the Paleocene (the Heimdal Formation). The secondary target in the Statfjord Formation was water-bearing. None of the wells were formation-tested, but data collection and sampling were conducted.

These are the two first exploration wells in production licence 027 D after it was carved out from production licence 027 B in December 2007. 25/8-16 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 2107 meters below sea level and was concluded in the Statfjord formation in Lower Jurassic rocks. 25/8-16 A was drilled to a vertical depth of 2164 metres and was concluded in the Shetland Group. The sea depth is 126 meters. The wells will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The wells were drilled by *Bredford Dolphin*, which now will proceed to production licence 383 in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat well 6507/3-6 where Det norske oljeselskap ASA is the operator.

Licensees in [production licence 027 D](#)

