NPD – exploration drilling result

01/04/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted StatoilHydro Petroleum AS a drilling permit for wellbore 30/11-7 A, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 30/11-7 A will be drilled from the *Transocean Leader* drilling facility at position 60° 00′ 21.3″ North and 02° 22′ 25.5″ East, after the facility concludes the drilling of wildcat well 6705/10-1 for StatoilHydro Petroleum AS in production licence 327 B.

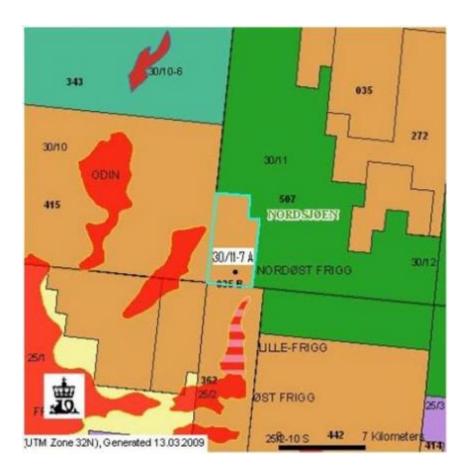
The drilling program for wellbore 30/11-7 A relates to the drilling of an appraisal well in production licence 035 B. StatoilHydro Petroleum AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 50 per cent, while Svenska Petroleum Exploration AS has 25 per cent, Det norske oljeselskap ASA 15 per cent and Dana Petroleum Norway AS has 10 per cent.

The area of this licence consists of the southwest part of block 30/11. The well will be drilled about 10 km northwest of the Frigg field in the central part of the North Sea.

Production licence 035 B was awarded on 26 November 2008. This is the eighth well to be drilled in the block. The well will be drilled as a cost-sharing project between production licences 035 B and 362.

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

See Factpages for more information about this wellbore



30/11-7 A

20/05/2009 Press Release 27/2009 StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 035 B, has finished the drilling of appraisal well 30/11-7 A on the gas/condensate discovery 30/11-7, which was proven during the winter of 2009. The discovery was made in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (lower parts of the Brent Group), and is located approximately 10 kilometres north-east of the Frigg field in the North Sea.

The purpose of the well was to delineate the discovery. The well encountered a 177-metre gas column in the Brent Group with a substantial element of condensate in the gas. The appraisal well shows that the size of the discovery probably lies within the uncertainty range of 10 – 17 million Sm³ of recoverable oil equivalents.

The well was not formation-tested, but comprehensive data collection and sampling have been carried out. The discovery is probably commercial, and a tie-in to one of the permanent facilities in the area is being evaluated.

This is the second exploration well in production licence 035 B. The area in this licence was carved out of production licence 035 on 26 November 2008. The appraisal well was drilled to a vertical depth of 4118 metres below sea level, and was concluded in the Etive Formation in Middle Jurassic rocks. The sea depth is 111 metres. The well will be plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled with the semi-submersible drilling facility *Transocean Leader* based on cost-sharing between production licences 035 B and 362. The drilling facility will now be transferred to the Åsgard field in the Norwegian Sea for drilling of production wells for the operator StatoilHydro Petroleum AS.

The licensees in production licences 035 B and 362

