

NPD – exploration drilling result

21/09/2009 Lundin Norway AS, operator of production licence 363, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 25/5-6.

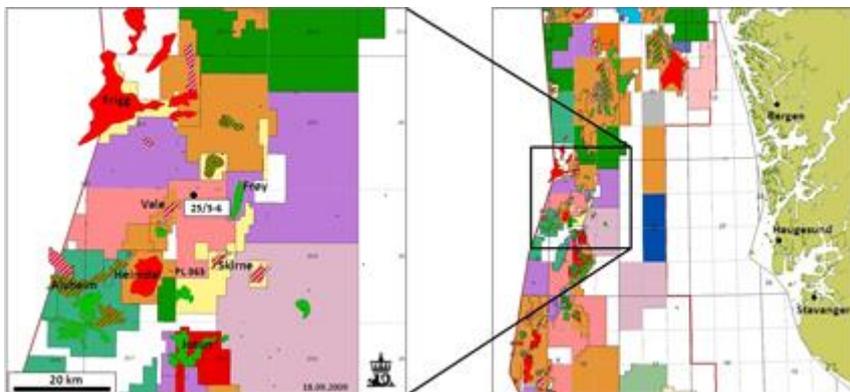
The well has been drilled about 15 kilometres northeast of the Heimdal field in the central North Sea.

The primary target of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Paleocene reservoir rocks (the Hermod formation). The secondary exploration target was to prove petroleum in Upper Eocene reservoir rocks. The well was dry. The primary target encountered reservoir rocks of expected thickness and with very good reservoir qualities. In the secondary target, reservoir rocks with little thickness and of poor reservoir quality were encountered, as expected.

The well is the first exploration well in [production licence 363](#). The licence was awarded on 6 January 2006 (APA 2005). The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2446 metres below sea level and terminated in the Lista formation in strata from the Upper Paleocene. Water depth at the site is 118 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 25/5-6 was drilled by the drilling facility *Transocean Winner*, which will now proceed to production licence 338 in the central North Sea where the operator Lundin Norway AS will reopen wildcat well 16/1-8 for formation testing.

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



25/5-6

24/08/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has issued a drilling permit to Lundin Norway AS for wellbore 25/5-6, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 25/5-6 will be drilled from the *Transocean Winner* drilling facility at position 59°44'18.8" North and 02°23'52.5" East, after the facility completes the drilling of wildcat well 30/9-23 for StatoilHydro Petroleum AS in production licence 104.

The drilling program for wellbore 25/5-6 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 363. Lundin Norway AS is the operator with a 60 per cent ownership interest, while VNG (Operation) Norge AS has an ownership interest of 40 per cent. The area in this licence consists of the northwestern part of block 25/5. The well will be drilled about 15 km northeast of the Heimdal field in the central part of the North Sea. Production licence 363 B was awarded on 6 January 2006 (APA 2005). This is the first well to be drilled in the licence.

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

