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

28/08/2009 Press Release 56/2009: StatoilHydro Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 104, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 30/9-23 located between the Oseberg and Brage fields in the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in the Viking and Brent groups, in Upper to Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks.

The well is dry. Reservoir rocks were encountered in both the Viking and Brent groups, of medium thickness and with satisfactory to good reservoir quality.

This was the 25th exploration well in production licence 104.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2846 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in Lower Jurassic rocks belonging to the Dunlin group.

The water depth is 114 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 30/9-23 was drilled by the *Transocean Winner* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 363 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 25/5-6 operated by Lundin Norway AS.

See Factpages for more information about this wellbore.

