

NPD – exploration drilling result

29/09/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Det norske oljeselskap ASA Drilling a drilling permit for wellbore 15/9-23, cf. The Resource Management Regulations, Section 8.

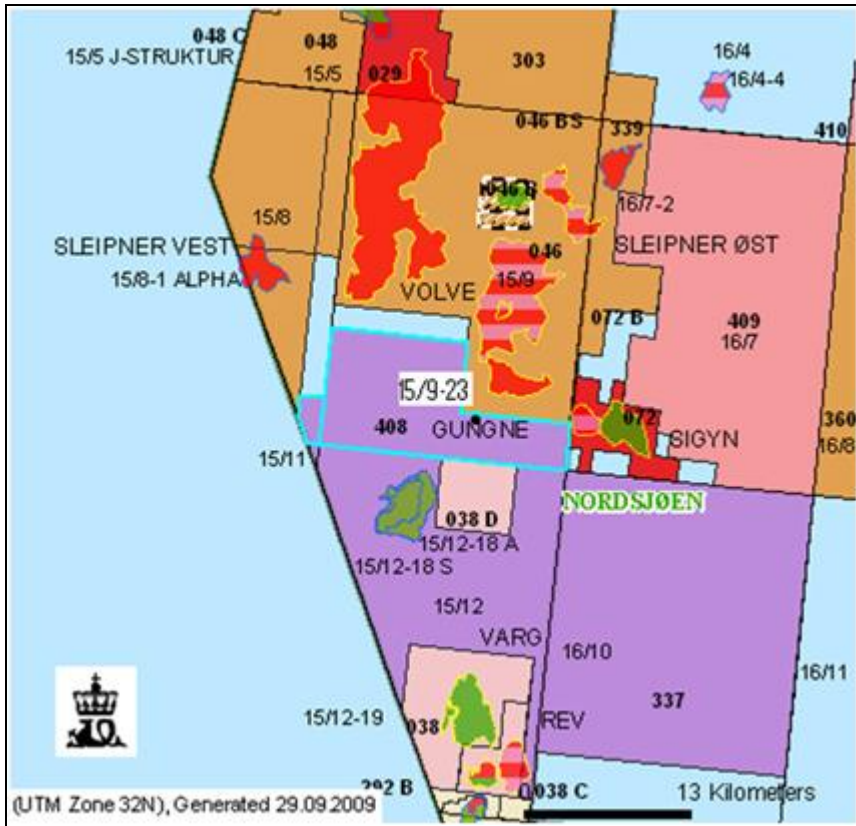
Wellbore 15/9-23 will be drilled from the drilling facility *Bredford Dolphin* at position 58° 16' 29.1" North and 01° 52' 23.2" East, after the facility concludes drilling of wildcat well 25/8-17 for ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS in production licence 027 D.

The drilling program for wellbore 15/9-23 applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 408. Det norske oljeselskap ASA is the operator with a 100 per cent share.

The area in this licence consists of the south-eastern part of block 15/8 and the southern part of 15/9. The well will be drilled just south of the Sleipner Øst field in the central part of the North Sea. Production licence 408 was awarded on 16 February 2007 (APA 2006). This is the first well to be drilled in this licence.

The drilling permit is 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.



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06/01/2010 Det Norske Oljeselskap ASA, operator for production licence 408, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 15/9-23. The well, which is dry, is located just south of the Sleipner Øst field in the central part of the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in the reservoir rocks in the Middle Jurassic (the Hugin and Sleipner formations) and Upper Triassic (the Skagerrak formation). The well did not encounter the Hugin formation, while the Sleipner and the Skagerrak formations had reservoir development and reservoir quality as expected.

This is the first exploration well in [production licence 408](#). The licence was awarded on 16 February 2007 (APA 2006).

The well was drilled to a total depth of 3200 metres below the sea surface and terminated in the Skagerrak formation in strata from the Upper Triassic. Water depth at the site is 84 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 15/9-23 was drilled by the drilling facility *Bredford Dolphin*, which will now proceed to production licence 374 S in the northern North Sea to drill wildcat well 34/5-1 S, with BG Norge AS as the operator.

