

NPD – exploration drilling result

14/09/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted GDF SUEZ a drilling permit for wellbore 6407/12-2, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

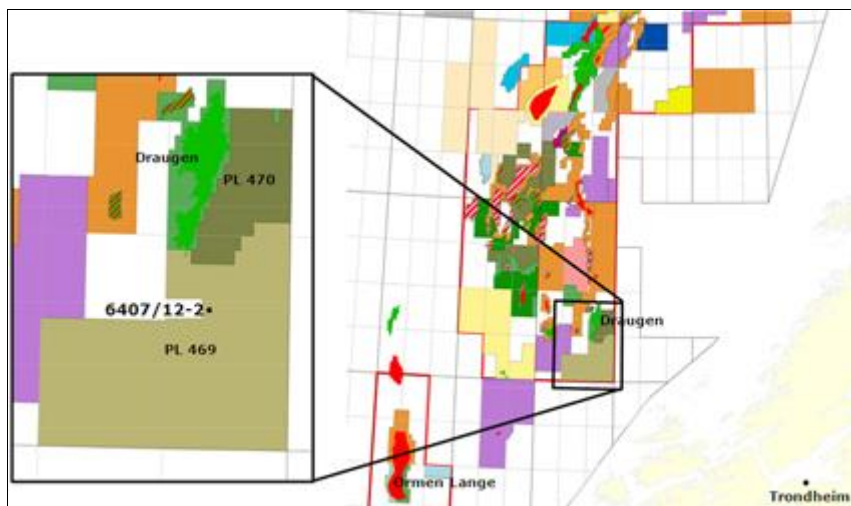
Wellbore 6407/12-2 will be drilled by the drilling facility *Aker Barents* at position 64°09'40.44" North and 7°48'27.87 East.

The drilling program for wellbore 6407/12-2 applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 469. GDF SUEZ is the operator with 52.5 per cent ownership interest. Other licensees are Aker Exploration AS with 25 per cent and Discover Petroleum AS with 22.5 per cent. The area in this licence is composed of parts of the blocks 6407/9, 6407/11 and 6407/12, and is located south of the Draugen field in the Norwegian Sea.

Aker Barents is currently drilling well 6306/6-2 in production licence 321.

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.



6407/12-2

22/12/2009 GDF SUEZ E&P Norge AS, operator of production licence 469, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 6407/12-2. The well, which was dry, is located about 10 km south of the Draugen field and 130 km north of Kristiansund.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks from the Eocene to Paleocene Ages.

The well encountered reservoir rocks of minor thickness and poorer quality than expected.

This is the first exploration well in [production licence 469](#), which was awarded in APA 2007.

The well was drilled to a total depth of 1481 m below the sea surface, and was terminated in rocks from the Late Cretaceous Age. The water depth is 308 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6407/12-2 was drilled by the *Aker Barents* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 460 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 25/1-11, which is operated by Det norske oljeselskap ASA.

