

## NPD – exploration drilling result

24/08/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has issued a drilling permit to BG Norge AS for wellbore 17/12-4 B, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

The drilling program for wellbore 17/12-4 B relates to the drilling of an appraisal well in production licence 407. The well will be drilled from the *West Alpha* drilling facility at position 58°10′ 37.58″ North and 3°55′ 11.05″ East.

The area in this licence mainly consists of a part of block 17/12, but also parts of the surrounding blocks 17/8, 17/9, 17/11, 18/7 and 18/10, northwest of the Yme field in the North Sea. BG Norge AS is the operator with a 40 per cent ownership interest. The licensees are Premier Oil with 20 per cent, Skeie Energy with 20 per cent, and Spring Energy with 20 per cent.

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

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