

## NPD – exploration drilling result

27/10/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted a drilling permit for wellbore 34/3-2 S, cf. The Resource Management Regulations, Section 8.

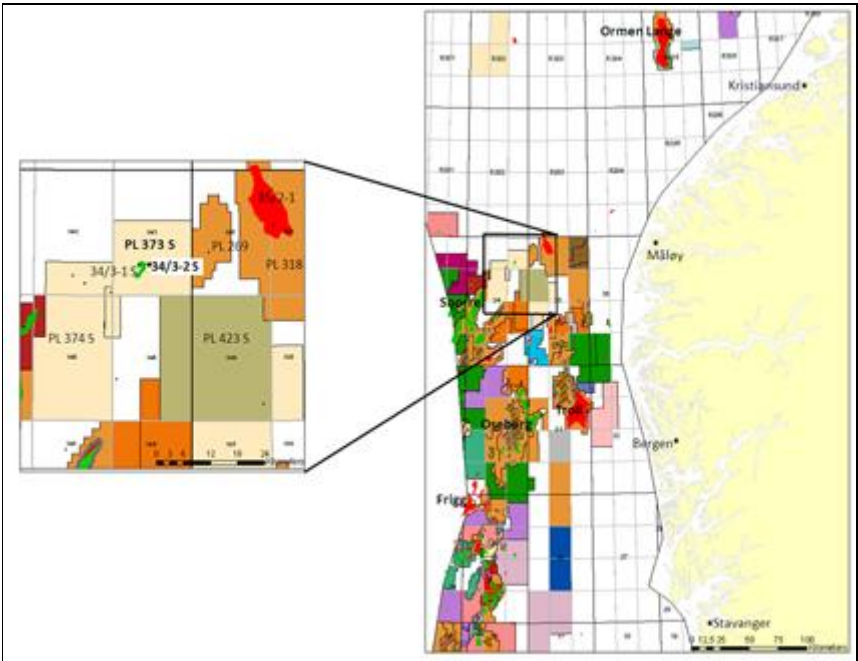
The wellbore 34/3-2 S will be drilled from the drilling facility *West Alpha* at position 61°48'45.07"N and 2°49'16.46E.

The drilling program for well 34/3-2 applies to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 373 S. BG Norge is the operator and has a licence share of 45 per cent. Other licensees are Idemitsu Petroleum Norge AS with a 25 per cent share, Wintershall Norge ASA with 20 per cent and RWE Dea Norge AS with 10 per cent. The area in this licence is comprised of parts of blocks 34/2, 3, 5 and 6, and is located north-east of the Snorre field in the North Sea.

The licence was awarded in APA 2005. Well 34/3-1 S was drilled in the autumn of 2008, and an oil discovery was made. The appraisal well 34/3-1 A proved the oil-water contact for the discovery. 34/3-2 S is the third exploration well in the 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.



## 34/3-2 S

22/12/2009 BG Norge AS, operator of production licence 373 S, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 34/3-2 S. The well is located northeast of the Snorre field in the northern North Sea.

The well was drilled on a separate structure east of wells 34/3-1 S and 34/3-1 A, which proved and delineated discoveries in 2008. The purpose of the well was to prove additional petroleum in sandstone from the early Jurassic Age, primarily in the Cook formation and secondarily in the Statfjord formation.

Non-mobile petroleum was encountered in the Cook formation. Both of the drilling targets encountered rocks of substantial thickness and with good reservoir quality. A comprehensive data acquisition programme has been carried out.

The well will be classified as a dry well.

The well is the third exploration well in [production licence 373 S](#), which was awarded in APA 2005.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 4297 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in the Statfjord formation from the Triassic Age. The water depth is 410 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 34/3-2 S was drilled by the *West Alpha* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 419 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 35/9-5, where Nexen Exploration Norge AS is the operator.

