

## NPD – exploration drilling result

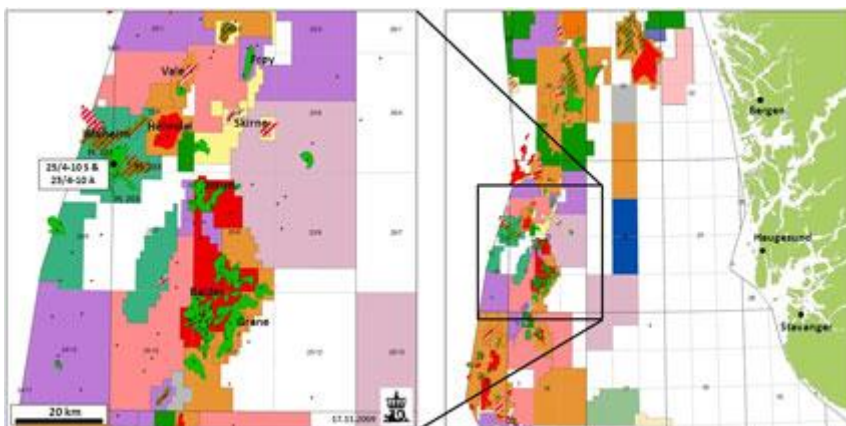
19/11/2009 Marathon Petroleum Norge AS, operator of production licence 203, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 25/4-10 S. The well, which encountered oil, was drilled about six kilometres south of the production ship on the Alvheim field in the central North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Paleocene reservoir rocks (the Hermod formation). The well encountered oil in seven-metre-thick sandstones in the Hermod formation. Preliminary estimates of the size of the discovery are between 0.5 and 1.5 million standard cubic metres (Sm<sup>3</sup>) of recoverable oil. No formation tests were carried out in the well, but data acquisition and sampling took place. The licensees will evaluate the discovery to consider whether it can be produced to the production ship on the Alvheim field.

Well 25/4-10 S is the sixth exploration well in [production licence 203](#). The license was awarded in the 15th licensing round in 1996. 25/4-10 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 2196 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in Paleocene rocks (the Heimdal formation). The water depth at the site is 126 metres. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the drilling facility *Transocean Winner*, which will now proceed to drill wildcat well 25/4-10 A in the same production licence.

See [Factpages](#) for more information about this wellbore.



## 25/4-10 S and 25/4-10 A

22/10/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has issued Marathon Petroleum Norge AS a drilling permit for wellbores 25/4-10 S and 25/4-10 A, ref. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbores 25/4-10 S and 25/4-10 A will be drilled from the *Transocean Winner* drilling facility at position 59°30'51.43" North and 02°00'13.78" East after the facility completes the formation test following re-entry of the previously drilled wildcat well 16/1-8 for Lundin Norway AS in production licence 338.

The drilling program for wellbores 25/4-10 S and 25/4-10 A relates to the drilling of wildcat wells in production licence 203. Marathon Petroleum Norge AS is the operator with a 65 per cent ownership interest, and with ConocoPhillips (20 per cent) and Lundin (15 per cent) as partners. The area in the licence consists of the southeastern part of block 24/6 and the southwestern part of block 25/4. The well will be drilled about 7 km south of the Alvheim field in the central part of the North Sea. Production licence 203 was awarded on 2 February 1996 (15th Round). These are the sixth and seventh wells to be drilled in the licence.

The permit is conditional upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities before the drilling activity commences.

