

NPD – exploration drilling result

22/12/2009 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has issued a drilling permit for wellbore 35/9-5, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 35/9-1 will be drilled from the *West Alpha* drilling facility at position 61°19'28.90"N and 3°48'45.19" E.

The drilling programme for well 35/9-1 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 419. Nexen Exploration Norge AS is the operator, with an ownership interest of 30 per cent. The other licensees are Edison International Norway Branch with an ownership interest of 20 per cent, PGNiG Norway AS with an ownership interest of 25 per cent and Wintershall Norge ASA with an ownership interest of 25 per cent. The area in this production licence consists of part of block 35/9, situated west of the Gjøa field in the North Sea.

The production licence was awarded in APA 2006. Well 35/9-5 is the first 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.



35/9-5

05/02/2010 Nexen Exploration Norge AS, operator of production licence 419, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 35/9-5. The well is located about six kilometers southwest of the Gjøa field in the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in the Agat formation in Lower Cretaceous reservoir rocks. The well did not encounter the reservoir rocks as expected in the Lower Cretaceous. However, non-mobile petroleum was encountered in reservoir rock with little thickness and poor reservoir quality deeper in the Cretaceous. Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. The well is classified as a dry well.

The well is the first exploration well in production licence 419, awarded in APA2006. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3513 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Middle Jurassic. The water depth at the site is 365 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 35/9-5 was drilled by the *West Alpha* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 433 in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat well 6506/9-2S where Centrica Resources Norge AS is the operator.

The licensees in production licence 419

Nexen Exploration Norway AS (op)	45%
PGNiG Norway AS	25%
OMV Norge AS	30%

