

NPD – exploration drilling result

26/01/2010 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for wellbore 6608/10-14 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 6608/10-14 S will be drilled from the *Ocean Vanguard* drilling facility at position 66° 8'58.50" North and 8°14'45.69" East.

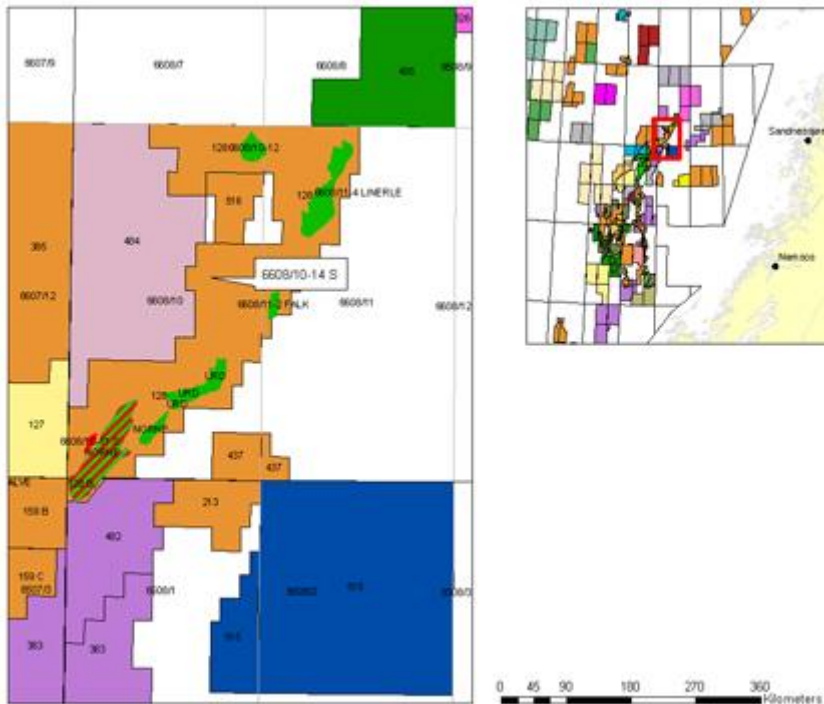
The drilling program for wellbore 6608/10-14 S relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 128. Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator with a 63.95 per cent ownership interest. Other licensees are Petoro AS (24.55 per cent) and Eni Norge AS (11.50 per cent).

Well 6608/10-14 S is located about 15 km northeast of the Norne field in the Norwegian Sea. The production licence consists of parts of blocks 6608/10 and 6608/11. The production licence was awarded in licensing round 10 B in 1986.

Wildcat well 6608/10-14 S is the 24th exploration well in production licence 128.

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.



6608/10-14 S

07/04/2010 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 128, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 6608/10-14 S. The well proved oil and gas. The discovery was made about 15 kilometres northeast of the Norne field.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle and Lower Jurassic reservoir rocks. The well proved oil in the Ile, Tofte and Åre formations from the Middle to Early Jurassic Ages, with good reservoir quality as expected. Gas was also encountered in the Melke formation from the Middle Jurassic Age.

The preliminary size of the discovery has been estimated at between six and ten million standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable oil and about one to three billion Sm³ of recoverable gas. The well was not formation tested, but extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. The licensees in [production licence 128](#) are considering producing the discovery via the Norne field.

The well was drilled to a total vertical depth of 2749 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in the Åre formation in the Lower Jurassic.

The water depth is 352 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6608/10-14 S was drilled by the *Ocean Vanguard* drilling facility. The facility has now moved to production licence 473 in the Norwegian Sea, where Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator, to drill wildcat well 6407/2-6.

