

NPD – exploration drilling result

31/03/2010 Talisman Energy Norge AS, operator of production licence 316 DS, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 9/2-11. The well is located about 10 km north of the Yme field in the southern part of the North Sea.

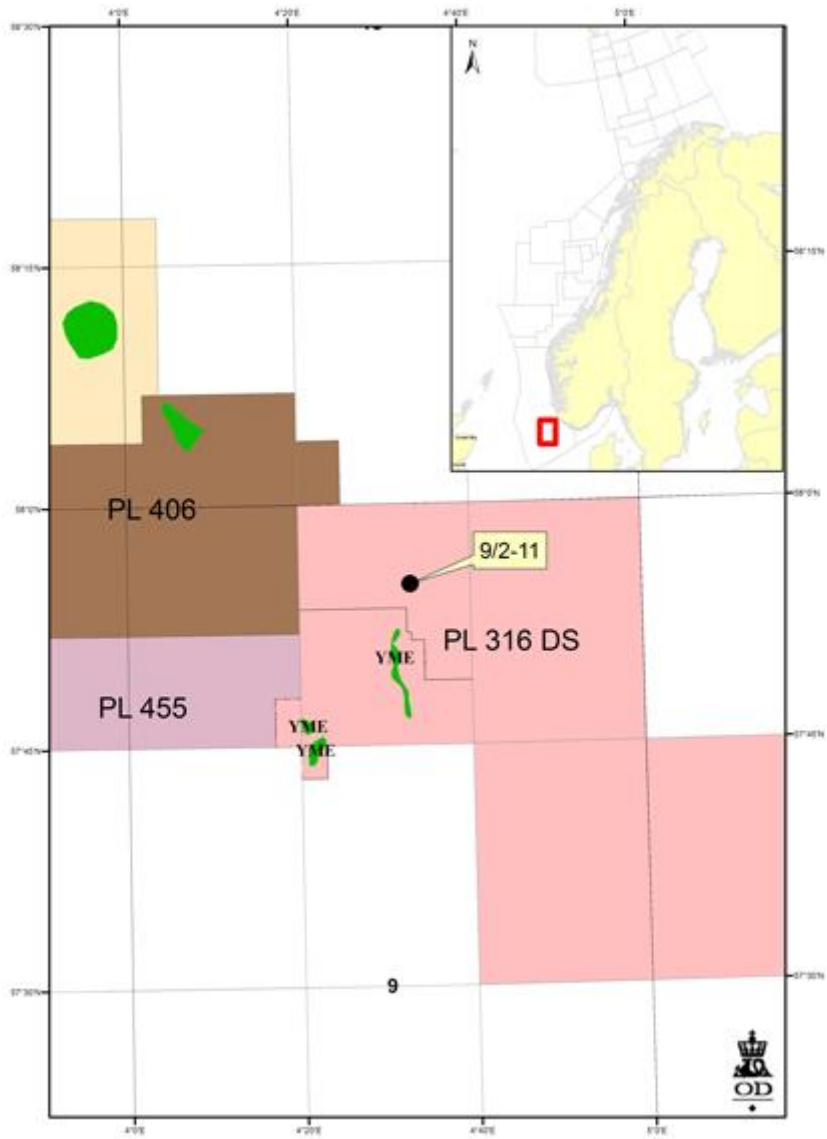
The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in the Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Vestland group). The well encountered reservoir rocks with good reservoir quality in the Vestland group. However, the reservoir rock contained water.

The well is the first exploration well in [production licence 316 DS](#). The licence was awarded on 23 August 2007 in the 18th licensing round.

Well 9/2-11 was drilled to a vertical depth of 2810 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Bryne formation in the Middle Jurassic. Water depth at the site is 101 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 9/2-11 was drilled by the *Transocean Winner* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 038 D in the central part of the North Sea to drill appraisal well 15/12-23, where Talisman Energy Norge AS is the operator.

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



9/2-11

18/02/2010 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Talisman Energy Norge AS a drilling permit for well 9/2-11 in the North Sea.

The drilling program for wellbore 9/2-11 applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 316 DS in the southeastern sector of the North Sea, just north of the Yme field. Talisman Energy Norge AS is the operator, with an ownership interest of 50 per cent. The other licensees are Bridge Energy AS with a 20 per cent ownership interest, Lotus Exploration and Production Norge AS also with a 20 per cent ownership interest and Wintershall Norge ASA with a 10 per cent ownership interest.

The area in the production licence comprises the northern part of block 9/2 and all of block 9/3. It was carved out of production licence 316 in 2007. Wellbore 9/2-11 is the first exploration well to be drilled in the production licence, and it will be drilled from the drilling facility *Transocean Winner*.

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.

