

## NPD – exploration drilling result

02/03/2010 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS (ExxonMobil) a drilling permit for wellbore 25/10-10, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

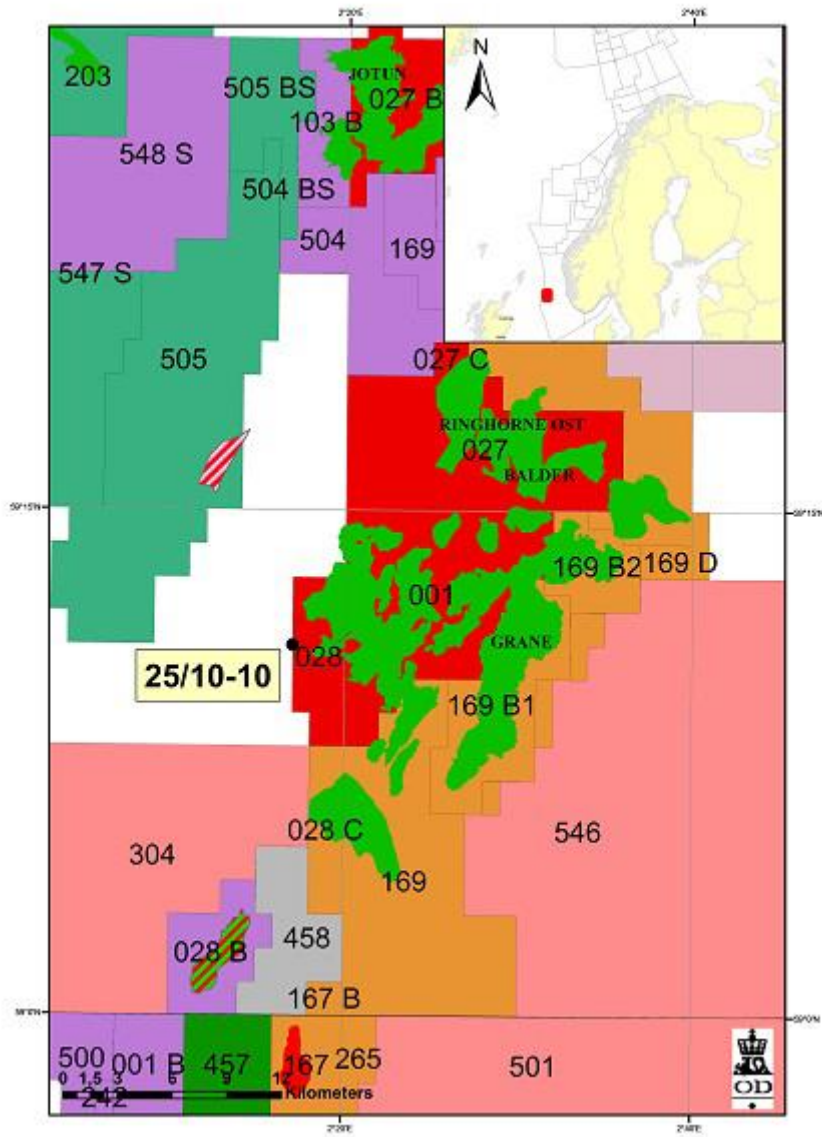
Wellbore 25/10-10 will be drilled from the *Aker Barents* drilling facility at position 59° 11' 05.5" North and 02° 17' 50.7" East after the rig has been at the Ølen shipyard in Rogaland County.

The drilling program for wellbore 25/10-10 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 028 S. ExxonMobil is the operator with a 100 per cent ownership interest, while Det norske oljeselskap ASA is carrying out the drilling activity on behalf of ExxonMobil, in return for the opportunity to buy in to the production licence. The area in this production licence consists of the eastern part of block 25/10. Well 25/10-10 is located just west of the Balder field in the central part of the North Sea.

Production licence 028 S was carved out of the original PL 028, which was awarded on 23 May 1969 in the 2nd licensing round. This is the first well drilled in the production 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.



# 25/10-10

26/03/2010 ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS (ExxonMobil), operator of production licence 028 S, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 25/10-10, located just to the west of the Balder field in the North Sea. Det norske oljeselskap ASA (Det norske) carried out the drilling activity on behalf of ExxonMobil.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Lower Triassic reservoir rocks (the Skagerrak formation). The well encountered the Skagerrak formation, with not so good reservoir quality as expected. However, the reservoir rock contained water.

The well is the first exploration licence in [production licence 028 S](#). Production licence 028 S was carved out of the original PL 028, which was awarded on 23 May 1969 in the 2nd licensing round.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2473 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Zechstein group in the Upper Permian.

Water depth at the site is 123 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 25/10-10 was drilled by the *Aker Barents* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 460 in the North Sea to continue the drilling of wildcat well 25/1-11, where Det norske is the operator.

