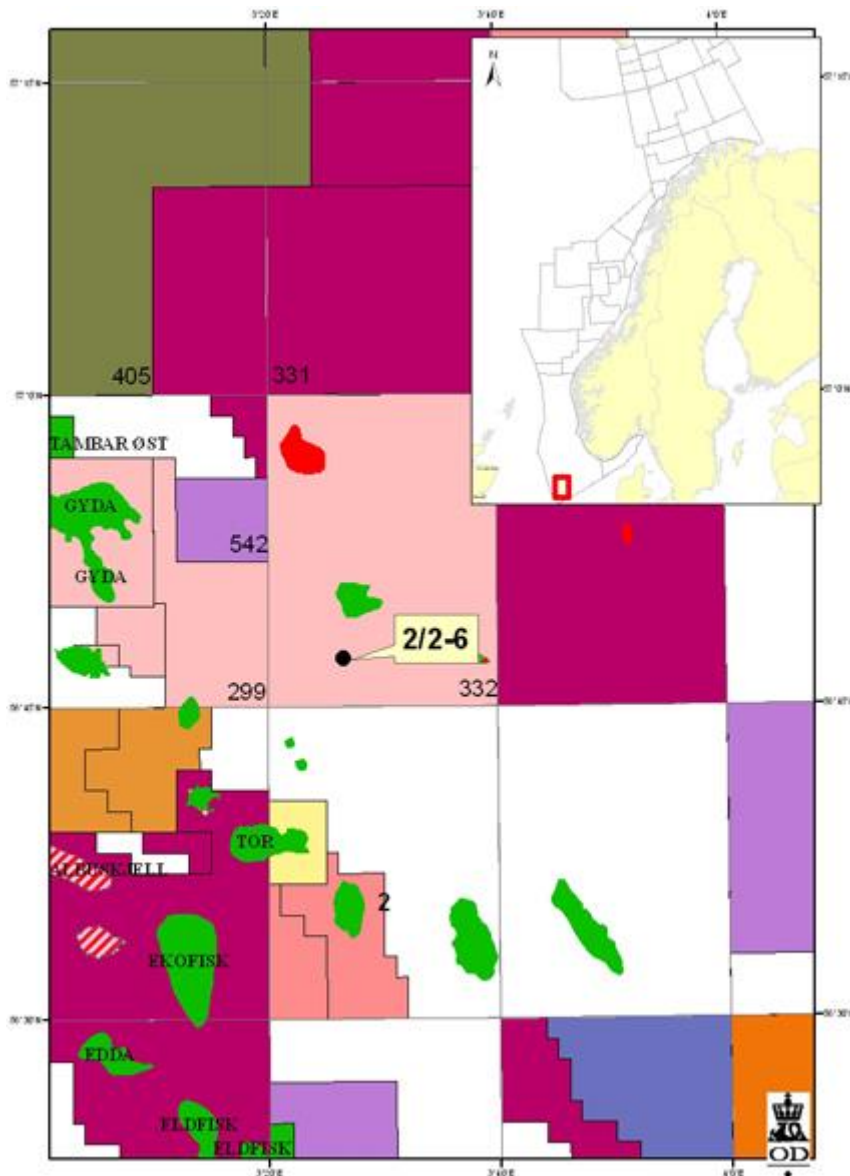# NPD – exploration drilling result

10/03/2010 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Talisman Energy Norge AS a drilling permit for well 2/2-6 in the North Sea.

The drilling program for wellbore 2/2-6 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 332 in the southern part of the North Sea, just east of the Gyda field. Talisman Energy Norge AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 40 per cent. The other licensees are Det norske oljeselskap ASA (40 per cent), Bayerngas Produksjon Norge AS (10 per cent) and Norske AEDC A/S (10 per cent).

The production licence consists of all of block 2/2, stratigraphically divided over base Jurassic. Block 2/2 was awarded in 2004 (APA 2004). The well is the first exploration well to be drilled in the exploration licence, and it will be drilled from the *Mærsk Guardian* drilling facility.

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.

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12/05/2010 Talisman Energy Norge AS, operator of production licence 332, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 2/2-6.

The well, which was dry, was drilled about 24 kilometres southeast of the Gyda field in the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Ula formation). Reservoir sandstone was not encountered.

This is the first exploration well in production licence 332. The licence was awarded in APA 2004.

Well 2/2-6 was drilled to a vertical depth of 4062 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in rocks equivalent to the Ula formation in the Upper Jurassic. Water depth at the site is 64 metres. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the *Mærsk Guardian* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 406 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 9/1-1 for Premier Oil Norge AS.