

NPD – exploration drilling result

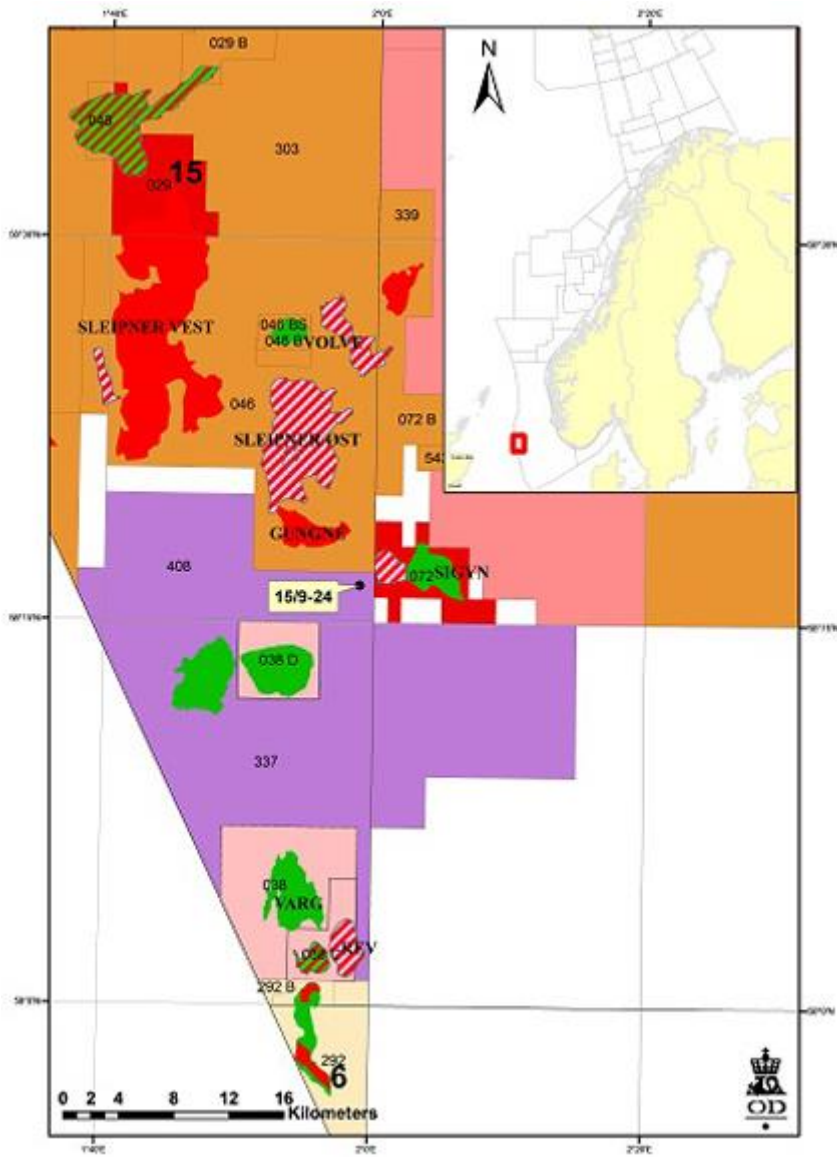
07/06/2010 Det norske oljeselskap ASA, operator of production licence 408, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 15/9-24. The well, which was dry, was drilled southwest of the Sleipner Øst field in the central part of the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle to Lower Paleocene reservoir rocks (the Heimdal and Ty formations). The well did not encounter the Heimdal and Ty formations with reservoir development.

The well is the second exploration well in [production licence 408](#). The licence was awarded in APA 2006. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2400 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Tor formation in Upper Cretaceous. Water depth at the site is 81 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 15/9-24 was drilled by the *Bredford Dolphin* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 435 in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat well 6507/7-14 S. RWE Dea Norge AS is the operator of production licence 435.

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



15/9-24

14/05/2010 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has issued Det norske oljeselskap ASA a drilling permit for wellbore 15/9-24, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 15/9-24 will be drilled from the *Bredford Dolphin* drilling facility at position 58° 16' 27.5" north 1° 58' 55.9" east after the facility completes the drilling of wildcat well 15/12-22 for Det norske oljeselskap ASA (Det norske) in production licence 337.

The drilling program for wellbore 15/9-24 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 408. Det norske is the operator with a 100 per cent ownership interest. The area in the licence consists of the southeastern part of block 15/8 and the southern part of 15/9. The well was drilled just southeast of the Sleipner Øst field in the central part of the North Sea.

Production licence 408 was awarded on 16 February 2007 (APA2006). This is the second well drilled within the licence area.

The permit is granted on the condition that all other permits and consents required by other authorities have been secured before the drilling activity commences.

