

NPD – exploration drilling result

18/11/2010 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted a drilling permit to Statoil Petroleum AS for wellbore 7119/12-4 A, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Wellbore 7119/12-4 will be drilled from the Polar Pioneer drilling facility at position 71° 01´ 42.91" N and 19° 49´ 20.56" E.

The drilling program for wellbore 7119/12-4 applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 488. Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator with a 33.53 per cent ownership interest and the licensees are Petoro AS 30 per cent, Total E&P Norge AS 18.4 per cent, GDF SUEZ E&P Norge AS 12 per cent, Hess Norge AS 3.26 per cent and RWE Dea Norge AS 2.81 per cent.

Well 7119/12-4 is located approximately 75 kilometres southwest of the Snøhvit field. The production licence consists of part of the blocks 7019/1, 7019/2, 7119/11, 7119/12 and 7120/10. The licence was awarded in APA 2007.

Wildcat well 7119/12-4 is the first exploration well in production licence 488.

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.

The well was drilled about 145 kilometres northwest of Hammerfest and about 40 kilometres south of the 7120/8-1 Askeladd gas deposit, which is part of the Snøhvit development.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Stø formation). The Snadd formation from the Late Triassic Age was the secondary exploration target, but was not reached.

Reservoir rocks of good quality were encountered in the Stø formation. Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. The well is dry.

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The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2887 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated 150 m into the Fruholmen formation in the Upper Triassic. The water depth at the site is 192 metres. The well has now been permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 7119/12-4 was drilled by the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 532 in the Barents Sea to drill wildcat well 7220/8-1, where Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator.

