<u>NPD</u> – exploration drilling result

06/12/2011 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Det norske oljeselskap ASA a drilling permit for well 25/6-4 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 25/6-4 S will be drilled from the *Songa Delta* drilling facility at position 59°41'10.27"N 02°53'01.23"E after the facility has completed its five-year classification at the Coast Center Base (CCB) at Ågotnes outside Bergen.

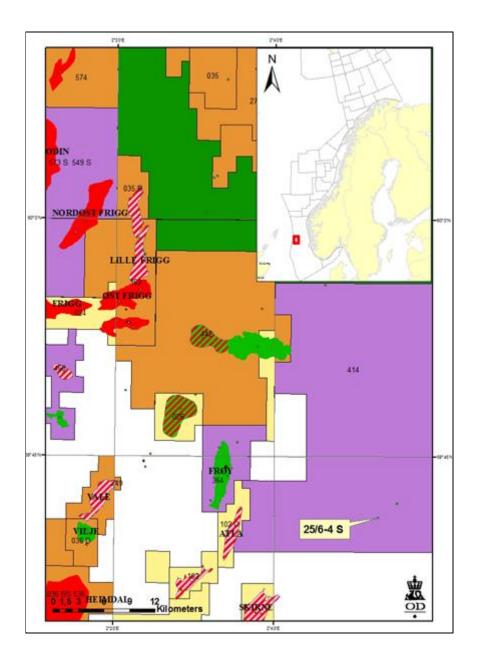
The drilling programme for well 25/6-4 S applies to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 414. Det norske is the operator with a 40 per cent ownership interest. The other licensees are Faroe Petroleum Norge AS, Bayerngas Norge AS and Norwegian Energy Company ASA (Noreco) with 20 per cent each.

The area in this licence consists of parts of blocks 25/3, 5 and 6. The well will be drilled in the central part of the North Sea about 20 kilometres southeast of the Frøy field and 37 kilometres northeast of the Heimdal field.

Production licence 414 was awarded on 16 January 2007 (APA 2006). This is the first well to be drilled in the licence area.

The permit is contingent upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities before commencing drilling activities.

See <u>Factpages</u> for more information about this wellbore.



25/6-4 S

13/02/2012 Det norske oljeselskap ASA, operator of production licence 414, is in the process of concluding the drilling of wildcat well 25/6-4 S.

The well is being drilled in the central part of the North Sea, about 20 km southeast of the Frøy field and 37 km northeast of the Heimdal field.

The primary exploration target for the well was to prove petroleum in Paleocene reservoir rocks (the Hermod formation). The secondary exploration target was to prove petroleum in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Brent group). The well encountered reservoir rocks with good reservoir quality, as expected. Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out, but both levels are waterbearing and the well has been classified as dry.

This is the first exploration well in production licence 414, which was awarded in APA 2006. Wildcat well 25/6-4 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 2738 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in Middle Jurassic rocks (the Dunlin group). Water depth at the site is 114 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the *Songa Delta* drilling facility, which will proceed to production licence 418 in the northern part of the North Sea to drill wildcat well 35/9-7, where Wintershall Norge ASA is the operator.

