NPD – exploration drilling result

21/01/2011 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Det norske oljeselskap ASA a drilling permit for well 6508/1-2, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 6508/1-2 is scheduled to be drilled from the drilling facility *Aker Barents* in position 65° 55′50.28" north and 08° 01′52.78" east.

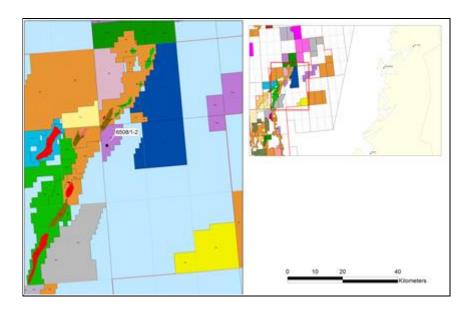
The drilling programme for well 6508/1-2 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 482. Det norske oljeselskap ASA is the operator with an ownership interest of 65 per cent. The other licensees are Petoro AS with 20 per cent and Skagen AS with 15 per cent.

Well 6508/1-2 is located about five kilometres south of the Norne field. The production licence consists of part of block 6508/1, and was awarded in APA 2007.

Wildcat well 6508/1-2 is the first exploration well in production licence 482.

The permit is contingent upon the operator having secured all other permits and consents required by other authorities before the drilling starts.

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



13/09/2011 Det norske oljeselskap ASA, operator of production licence 482, is about to complete drilling of wildcat well 6508/1-2. The well proved oil and gas.

The well was drilled about ten kilometres south of the Norne field in the Norwegian Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Early Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Tilje/Åre formations).

The well proved gas and oil in the Tilje/Åre formations with reservoir properties as expected. An 18-metre gas column and 23-metre oil column were identified.

The preliminary size of the discovery has been estimated at about one million standard cubic metres of recoverable oil equivalents. Further studies and exploration of the further potential can clarify whether the discovery is commercially viable.

The well was not formation tested, but extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out.

This is the first exploration well in <u>production licence 482</u>. The licence was awarded in APA 2007.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 1770 metres below the surface and terminated in Early Jurassic rocks. The water depth is 395 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6508/1-2 was drilled by the *Aker Barents* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 530 in the Barents Sea to drill wildcat well 7124/4-1S, where GDF SUEZ Norge AS is the operator.

