

NPD – exploration drilling result

15/04/2011 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted a drilling permit for well 6407/3-1 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 6407/3-1 S will be drilled from the *Transocean Leader* drilling facility at position 64°46'32.49" N and 7°42'14.23" E after it has completed drilling of wildcat well 6407/4-2 for Statoil ASA in production licence 429.

The drilling programme for well 6407/3-1 S relates to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 312 where Statoil ASA is the operator with an ownership interest of 59 per cent. The other licensees are ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS (24 per cent) and Eni Norge AS (17 per cent). The area in this licence consists of part of block 6407/3 and part of block 6407/6. The well will be drilled about six kilometres north of the Mikkel gas/condensate field.

Production licence 312 was awarded on 12 December 2003 in APA 2003. This is the third well drilled in the licence.

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

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

Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. The well is the third exploration well in [production licence 312](#), awarded in APA 2003.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2918 m below the sea surface and was terminated in the Tilje formation in the Lower Jurassic. The water depth is 233.5 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6407/3-1 S was drilled by the *Transocean Leader*, which will now proceed to production licence 438 in the Barents Sea to drill wildcat well 7120/3-1, where Lundin Norway AS is the operator.

