

NPD – exploration drilling result

19/08/2011 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for well 15/8-2, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 15/8-2 will be drilled from the *COSLPioneer* drilling facility, at position 58°24'55.1"N 01°32'49.90"E. *COSLPioneer* is a new drilling facility that was built in China. The facility was docked at Sandnes this summer to be prepared for its first assignment on the Norwegian shelf.

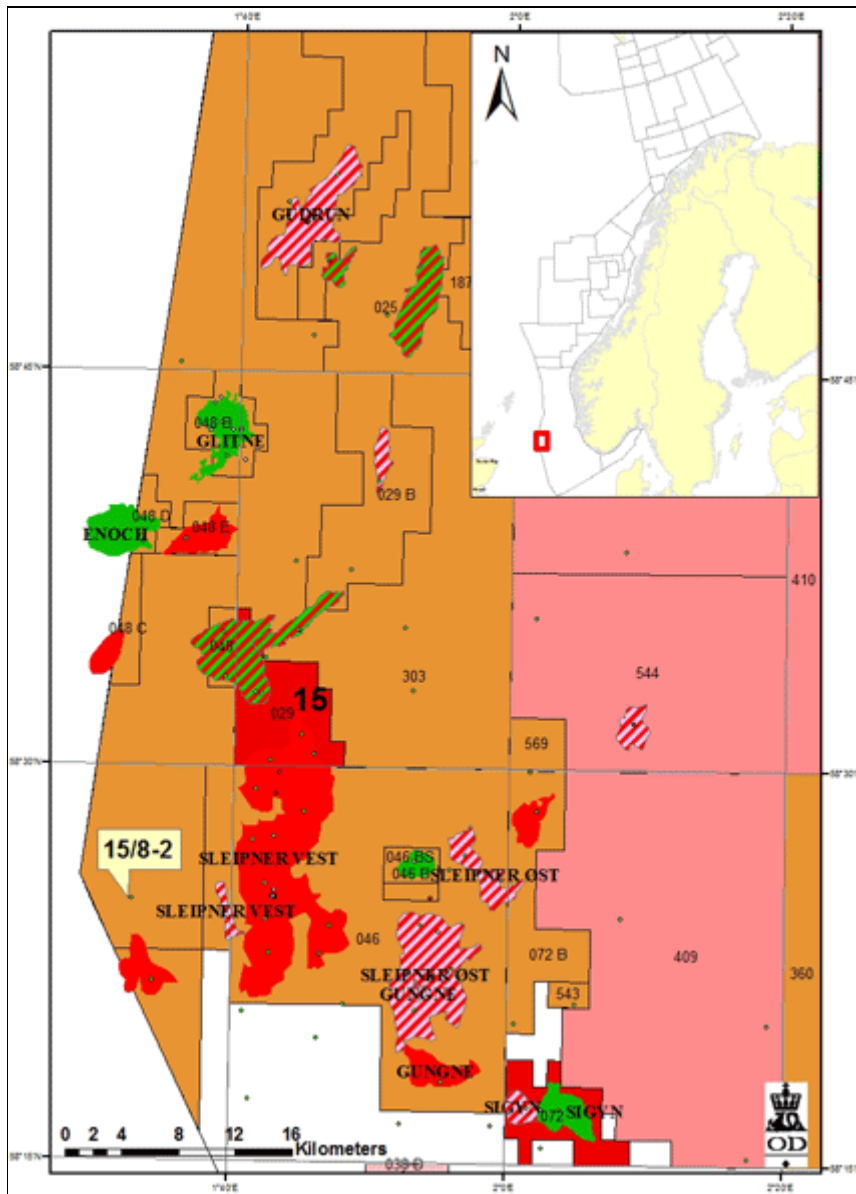
The drilling program for well 15/8-2 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 303. Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator with a 100 per cent ownership interest.

The area in this licence consists of a part of block 15/2 and parts of blocks 15/3, 15/5, 15/6 and 15/8. The well will be drilled about ten kilometres west of the Sleipner Vest field in the central part of the North Sea.

Production licence 303 was awarded on 12 December 2003 (APA 2003). This is the seventh 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 prior to commencing the drilling activity.

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



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12/10/2011 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 303, is completing drilling of wildcat well 15/8-2. The well, which was dry, was drilled eight kilometres west of the Sleipner Vest field in the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (Hugin and Sleipner formations). The well encountered both the Hugin and Sleipner formations. The reservoir development in the Hugin formation was better than expected, while the Sleipner formation was as expected. The well is dry. Data acquisition and sampling were carried out.

This is the seventh exploration well in [production licence 303](#). The licence was awarded in APA 2003. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 4631 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Sleipner formation in the Middle Jurassic. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the *COSL Pioneer* drilling facility at a water depth of 119 metres. The *drilling facility* will proceed to the northern part of the North Sea, production licence 152, to drill wildcat well 33/12-9 S where Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator.

