

NPD – exploration drilling result

14/02/2012 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Wintershall a drilling permit for well 35/9-7, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

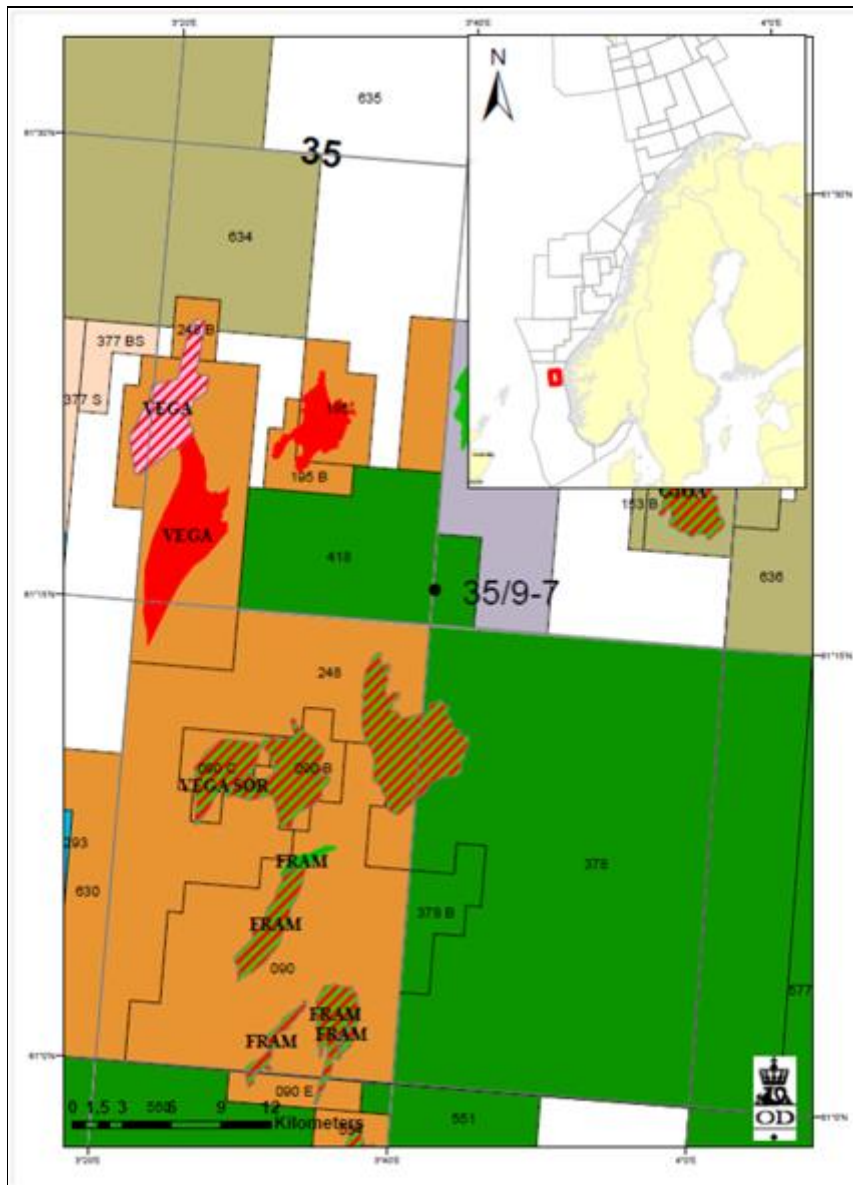
Well 35/9-7 will be drilled from the *Songa Delta* drilling facility at position 61°16'6.85" north and 3°40'23.24" east after it completes the drilling of wildcat well 25/6-4 for Det norske in production licence 414.

The drilling programme for wellbore 35/9-7 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 418 where Wintershall is the operator with an ownership interest of 45 per cent. The other licensees are Agora (20 per cent), Bayerngas (20 per cent) and Edison (15 per cent). The area in this licence consists of part of block 35/8 and part of block 35/9. The well will be drilled about 8 kilometres northeast of Grosbeak and 14 kilometres southwest of Gjøa.

Production licence 418 was awarded on 16 February 2007 (APA 2006). This is the first well to be drilled in the licence.

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

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



35/9-7

16/04/2012 Wintershall Norge AS, operator of production licence 418, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 35/9-7. The well has been drilled about 17 kilometres southwest of the Gjøa field in the North Sea.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rock from the Upper Jurassic. The well proved light oil in two sandstone strata at 90 and 14 metres with good reservoir quality in the Heather formation in the Upper Jurassic. Preliminary estimates of the size of the discovery range between 10 and 25 million standard cubic meters (Sm³) of recoverable oil.

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

The well is the first exploration well in [production licence 418](#). The licence was awarded in APA 2006. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2976 metres below sea level and was terminated in the Rannock formation in rocks from the Middle Jurassic. Water depth at the site is 368 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 35/9-7 was drilled by the drilling facility Songa Delta, which will proceed to production licence 375 B to drill appraisal well 33/6-3 S for Suncor Energy Norge AS.

