

NPD – exploration drilling result

07/06/2012 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted BP Norge AS a drilling permit for well 6507/3-9 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 6507/3-9 S will be drilled from the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility at position 65°56` 44.28" north and 7°41` 32.83" east.

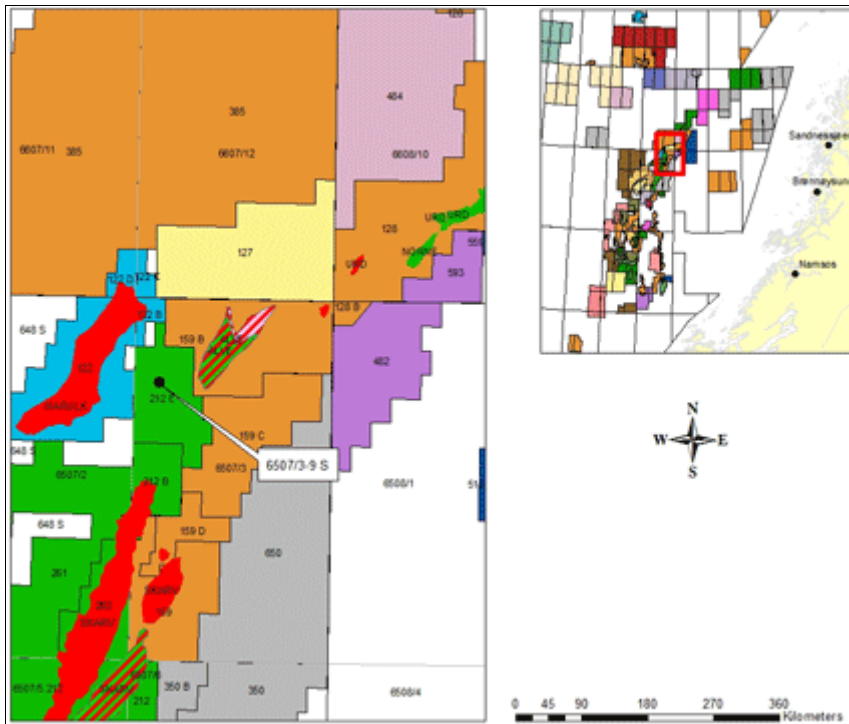
The drilling programme for wellbore 6507/3-9 S pertains to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 212 E. BP Norge AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 30 per cent. The other licensees are Statoil Petroleum AS (30 per cent), E.ON E&P Norge AS (25 per cent) and PGNiG Norway AS (15 per cent).

The production licence consists of block 6507/3 and has been partitioned off from production licence 212 B, which was awarded in the 17th licensing round.

Wildcat well 6507/3-9 S is the first exploration well in production licence 212 E.

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

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



6507/3-9 S

18/07/2012 BP Norge AS, operator of production licence 212 E, has completed drilling of wildcat well 6507/3-9 S. The well proved gas.

The discovery was made about 20 kilometres north of the Skarv field and about five kilometres east of the Marulk field.

The objective of the well was to prove gas in Upper Cretaceous reservoir rocks (the Lysing formation). The well proved gas in the Lysing formation with reservoir rocks and reservoir quality as expected.

Preliminary estimates place the size of the discovery at between 1.2 and 2.3 billion standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable gas. The well was not formation tested, but extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. The licensees in [production licence 212 E](#) will now evaluate the discovery.

The well was drilled to a total vertical depth of 2923 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in the Lange formation in the Lower Cretaceous.

The water depth is 365 metres. The well has now been plugged and abandoned.

Well 6507/3-9 S was drilled by the *Polar Pioneer* drilling facility. The facility will now continue pre-drilling production wells on the Skarv field.

