NPD – exploration drilling result

22/10/2012 Det norske oljeselskap ASA, operator of production licence 497, is about to complete drilling of wildcat well 7/11-13. The well is dry.

The drilling activity took place 25 kilometres west of the Ula field in the southern part of the North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks from the Triassic Age (the Skagerrak formation).

The well encountered reservoir rocks as expected in the Skagerrak formation.

The well is the first exploration well in <u>production licence 497</u>. The licence was awarded in APA 2008. The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 3758 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Skagerrak formation in the Triassic. The water depth is 81 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 7/11-13 was drilled by the *Maersk Guardian* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 498 in the southern part of the North Sea to drill wildcat well 7/8-6 for Lotos Exploration and Production Norge.

See Factpages for more information about this wellbore.

