

NPD – exploration drilling result

13/09/2012 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Talisman Energy Norge AS a drilling permit for well 16/10-5, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 16/10-5 will be drilled from the drilling facility *Mærsk Giant* at position 58°00'1.37" north 02°07'59.99" east for Talisman Energy Norge AS in production licence 568.

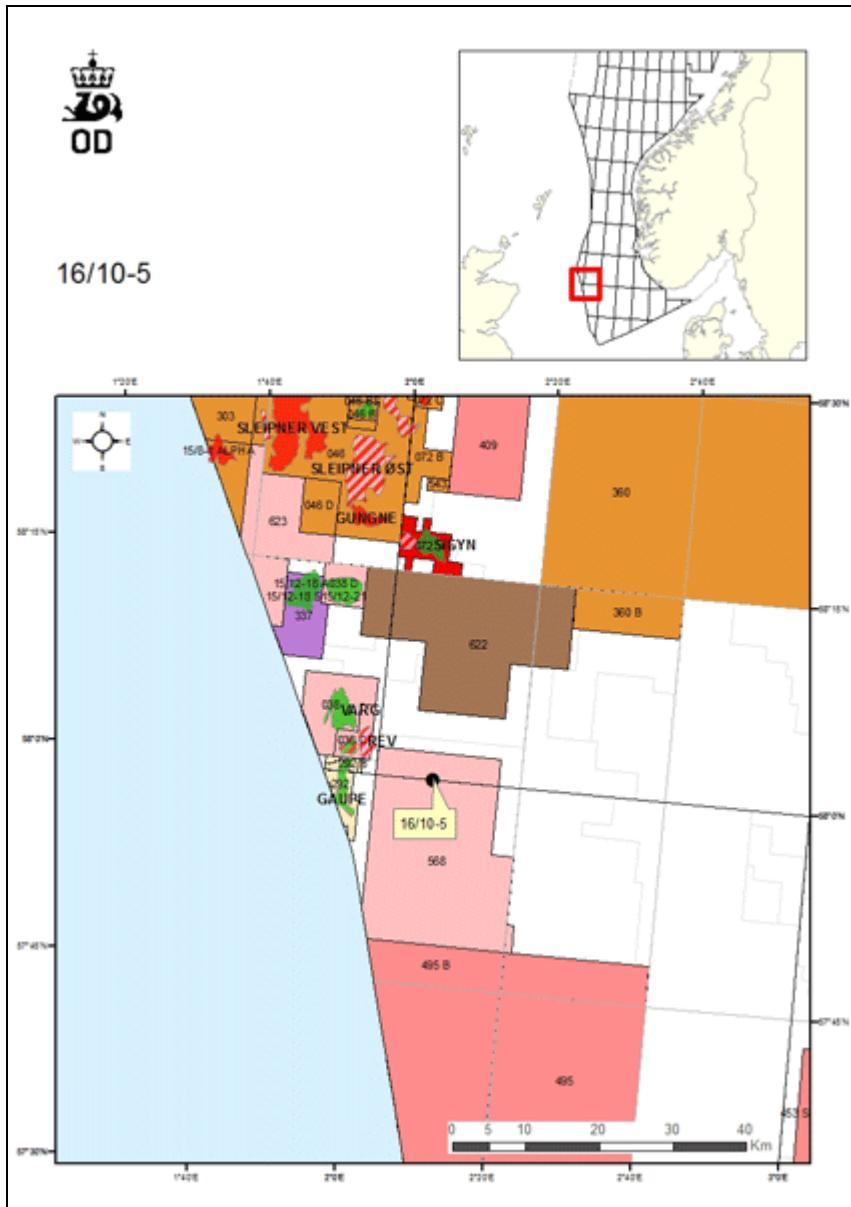
The drilling program for well 16/10-5 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 568. Talisman is the operator with an ownership interest of 40 per cent. The other licensees are Petoro AS (20 per cent), Det norske oljeselskap ASA (20 per cent), Edison International Norway Branch (10 per cent) and Skagen44 AS (10 per cent).

The area in this licence consists of parts of blocks 7/1, 7/2 and 16/10. The well will be drilled about ten kilometres southeast of discovery 15/12-12 Rev 5 in the central part of the North Sea.

Production licence 568 was awarded on 4 February 2011 (APA 2010). This is the first well to be 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.



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16/11/2012 Talisman Energy Norge AS, operator of production licence 568, has completed drilling of wildcat well 16/10-5. The well is dry.

The well was drilled about 17 kilometres southeast of the Varg field in the central North Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Ula formation). It encountered a 94-metre reservoir in the Ula formation which, as expected, had very good reservoir quality.

Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. The well is the first exploration well in [production licence 568](#). The licence was awarded in APA 2010.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2990 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Bryne formation in the Middle Jurassic.

Water depth is 83 metres. The well has been permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 16/10-5 was drilled by the *Maersk Giant* drilling facility, which is now headed for production licence 147 in the southern North Sea to drill exploration well 3/7-8 S for DONG E&P Norge AS.



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