

## NPD – exploration drilling result

05/12/2012 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for well 6610/10-1, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 6610/10-1 will be drilled from the *West Alpha* drilling facility at position 66° 14` 09.52" north and 10° 02` 46.89" east.

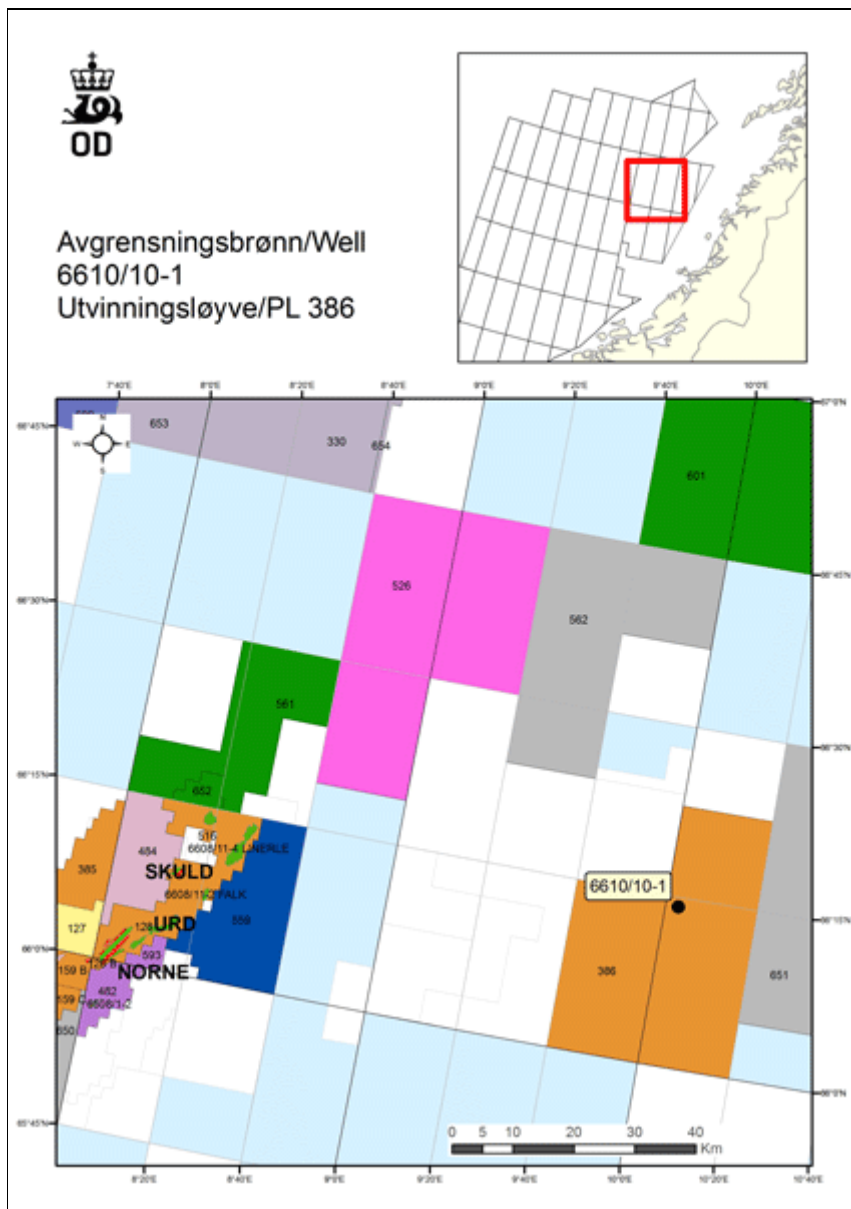
The drilling programme for well 6610/10-1 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 386. Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator with a 100 per cent ownership interest.

The production licence includes parts of the blocks 6609/12, 6610/7 and 6610/10. The production licence was awarded in APA 2005.

Wildcat well 6610/10-1 is the first exploration well in production licence 386.

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

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



## 6610/10-1

28/01/2013 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 386, has completed drilling of wildcat well 6610/10-1. The well is dry.

The well was drilled about 120 kilometres northwest of Sandnessjøen and about 90 kilometres northeast of the Norne field.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in Lower Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Båt Group) in the Helgeland Basin, where eight wildcat wells have

been drilled in and around the basin. The play in the area has not been confirmed.

The well encountered reservoir rocks in the Båt Group with good reservoir quality as expected.

Data has been acquired and samples have been taken.

This is the first exploration well in [production licence 386](#). The licence was awarded in APA 2005.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2988 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in Upper Triassic reservoir rocks ("Grey Beds"). Water depth is 244 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6610/10-1 was drilled by the *West Alpha* drilling facility, which will now proceed to the North Sea to drill production wells on the Balder field where ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS is the operator.

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