

NPD – exploration drilling result

15/01/2013 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Repsol Exploration Norge AS a drilling permit for wellbore 7218/11-1, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

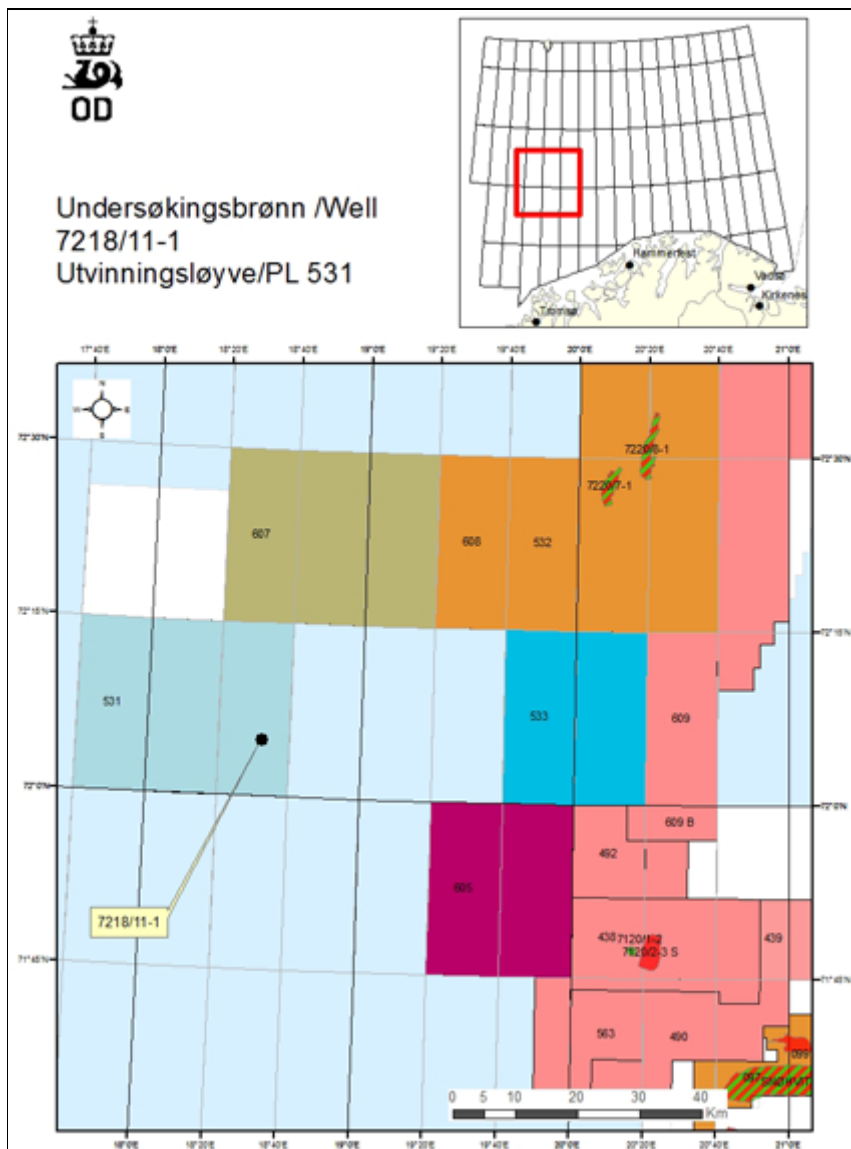
Wellbore 7218/11-1 will be drilled from the *Transocean Barents* drilling facility at position 72° 5'29.1" N and 18° 25'59.4" E following completion of drilling of wildcat well 6506/6-2 for Maersk Oil Norway AS in production licence 513.

The drilling programme for wellbore 7218/11-1 relates to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 531. Repsol Exploration Norge AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 20 per cent. The other licensees are Concedo ASA (20 per cent), RWE Dea Norge AS (15 per cent), Talisman Energy Norge AS (12.5 per cent), Faroe Petroleum Norge AS (12.5 per cent), Det Norske oljeselskap ASA (10 per cent) and Marathon Oil Norge AS (10 per cent). The area in this licence consists of parts of the 7217/12, 7218/10 and 7218/11 blocks. The well will be drilled about 80 kilometres southwest of the Skrugard discovery and 100 kilometres northeast of the Snøhvit field.

Production licence 531 was awarded on 15 May 2009 in the 20th licensing round. 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 activities.

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



7218/11-1

10/04/2013 Repsol Exploration Norge AS, operator of production licence 531, is about to complete drilling of wildcat well 7218/11-1.

The well was drilled about 230 kilometres northwest of Hammerfest and 80 kilometres southwest of the 7220/8-1 (Skrugard) discovery in the western part of the Barents Sea.

The primary exploration target for the well was to prove petroleum in the Upper Cretaceous (Kveite formation). The secondary exploration target was to prove petroleum in the Paleocene (Torsk formation). Reservoir development was not

proven in the Kveite formation, and thin, dense sandstone layers were proven in the Torsk formation, as well as traces of gas. The well is classified as dry.

Extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. This is the first exploration well in [production licence 531](#). The licence was awarded in the 20th licensing round in 2009.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2500 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in the Kolmule formation in the Lower Cretaceous.

Water depth is 325 metres. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 7218/11-1 was drilled by the *Transocean Barents* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 255, where it will drill wildcat well 6406/9-3 where A/S Norske Shell is the operator.



Undersøkningsbrønn /Well
7218/11-1
Utvinningsløyve/PL 531

