## NPD – exploration drilling result

22/04/2013 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for well 25/11-27, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 25/11-27 will be drilled from the *Songa Trym* drilling facility at position 58°14′15.78″ north and 2°32′51.25″ east after completing the drilling of wildcat well 16/8-3 S for Statoil in production licence 360.

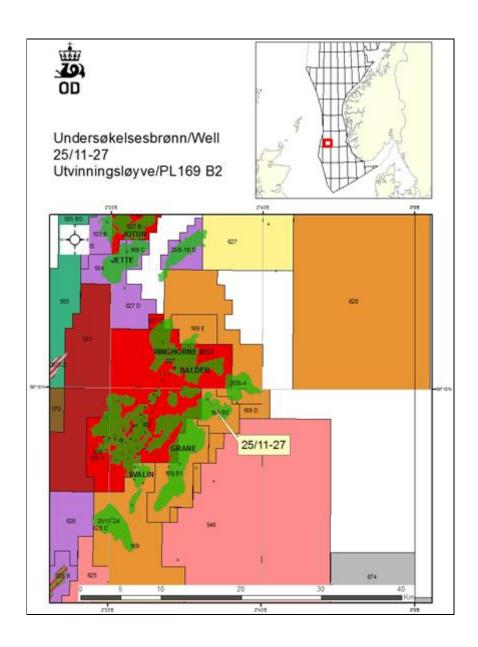
The drilling programme for well 25/11-27 relates to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 169 B2. Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 47.5 per cent. The other licensees are Petoro AS with 30 per cent, ConocoPhillips Skandinavia AS with 12.5 per cent and ExxonMobil E&P Norway AS with 10 per cent.

The area in this licence consists of part of block 25/11. The well will be drilled about 4 kilometres southwest of well 25/8-4 in the central part of the North Sea.

Production licence 169 B2 was awarded on 1 March 2000 (supplement to the 13th round). This is the first well to be drilled within the area of 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.



## 25/11-27

28/05/2013 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of Grane Unit, is about to complete drilling of wildcat well 25/11-27. The well proved oil.

The well was drilled within licence 169 B2 about seven kilometres north of the Grane field in the central part of the North Sea, and about 150 kilometres west of Stavanger.

The objective of the well was primarily to prove petroleum in Paleocene reservoir rocks (the Heimdal formation), but also to find out if there could be communication with the Grane field in the event of a discovery.

The well encountered an oil column of about 20 metres in the Heimdal formation. Preliminary estimates of the size of the discovery are between 2.8 and 5.2 million standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable oil. The licensees will consider various development alternatives based on oil quality and pressure communication with surrounding fields.

Extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out.

This is the fifth exploration well drilled by the licensees in <u>Grane Unit</u>. Well 25/11-27 was drilled to a vertical depth of 1865 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Shetland Group, most likely in the Lower Paleocene, but upper Cretaceous cannot be excluded. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned. Water depth is 126 metres.

The well was drilled by the *Songa Trym* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 128 in the Norwegian Sea to drill appraisal well 6608/11-8 where Statoil is the operator.

