## NPD – exploration drilling result

12/08/2013 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Statoil ASA a drilling permit for wellbore 6608/10-15, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

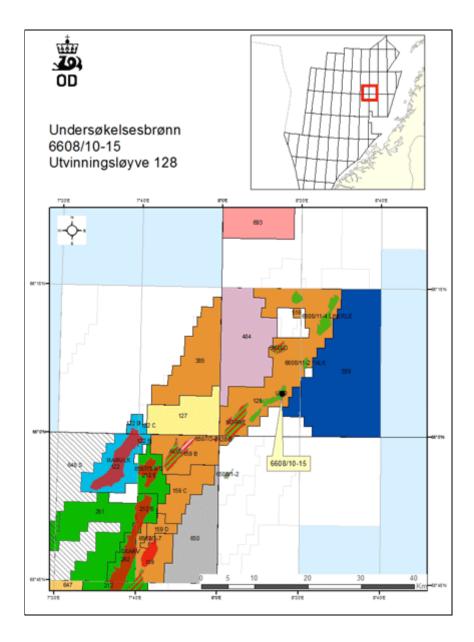
Wellbore 6608/10-15 will be drilled from the drilling facility *Songa Trym* at position 66°05′20.8″N and 08°16′ 42.5″E, following the completion of the drilling of wildcat well 6507/3-10 for Statoil ASA in production licence 159 C.

The drilling programme for wellbore 6608/10-15 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 128. Statoil ASA is the operator with an ownership interest of 64 per cent. The other licensees are Petoro AS (24.5 per cent) and Eni Norge AS (11.5 per cent). The acreage in this licence consists of the blocks 6608/10 and 11.

Production licence 128 was awarded on 28 February 1986 (Licensing round 10-B on the Norwegian shelf).

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.



## 6608/10-15

11/09/2013 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 128, is about to complete drilling of wildcat well 6608/10-15. The well proved oil.

The well was drilled about nine kilometres northeast of the Norne field in the Norwegian Sea.

The primary exploration target was to prove petroleum in Early Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Åre formation). The secondary exploration target was to prove petroleum in Middle Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Melke formation).

The well encountered a 45-metre oil column in the Åre formation and a 45-metre oil column in the Melke formation with reservoir thickness and properties in both levels as expected.

Preliminary calculations of the size of the discovery are between one and three million standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable oil. The well was not formation-tested, but data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. Tie-in of the discovery to the Norne field will be considered.

This is the 26th exploration well in production licence 128.

The licence was awarded in licensing round 10-B in 1986.

The well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2005 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Åre formation from the Early Jurassic. Water depth is 375 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6608/10-15 was drilled by the *Songa Trym* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 348 in the Norwegian Sea to drill wildcat well 6407/8-6 where Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator.

