

NPD – exploration drilling result

06/09/2013 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted GDF Suez E&P Norge AS a drilling permit for well 35/9-9, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 35/9-9 will be drilled from the *Transocean Barents* drilling facility in position 61°24'12.79" north and 3°56'00.49" east after completing the drilling of wildcat well 6406/9-1 for A/S Norske Shell in production licence 255.

The drilling program for well 35/9-9 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 153. GDF Suez E&P Norge AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 30 per cent. The other licensees are Petoro AS (30 per cent), Wintershall Norge AS (15 per cent), A/S Norske Shell (12 per cent), RWE Dea Norge AS (8 per cent) and Statoil Petroleum AS (5 per cent).

The area in this licence consists of parts of blocks 35/9 and 36/7. The well will be drilled about eight kilometres north of the Gjøa field.

Production licence 153 was awarded on 8 July 1988 (12th licensing round on the Norwegian shelf). This is the tenth well to be drilled in the licence.

The permit is contingent upon the operator securing all other permits and consents required by other authorities prior to commencing drilling activities.

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



Undersøelsesbrønn
35/9-9
Utvinningsløyve 153



35/9-9

11/11/2013 GDF SUEZ E&P Norge, operator of production licence 153, has completed the drilling of wildcat well 35/9-9. The well was drilled about 8 km west of the Gjøa field in the North Sea. The well is dry.

The primary exploration target for the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks in the Upper Jurassic (the Viking group). The secondary exploration target was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks from the Middle Jurassic Age (the Brent group).

The well encountered reservoir rocks in the Viking and Brent group with reservoir quality as expected. The well is classified as dry, with traces of petroleum. Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out.

This is the ninth exploration well in [production licence 153](#). The licence was awarded in the 12th licensing round in 1988.

35/9-9 was drilled to a vertical depth of 3298 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in Triassic rocks. Water depth at the site is 360 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 35/9-9 was drilled by the *Transocean Barents* drilling facility, which will now proceed to production licence 551 in the North Sea to drill wildcat well 31/3-4, where Tullow Oil Norge AS is the operator.



Undersøkellesbrønn
35/9-9
Utvinningsløyve 153

