

NPD – exploration drilling result

16/10/2013 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Centrica Energi (Norge) AS a drilling permit for well 8/10-5 S.

Well 8/10-5 S will be drilled from the *Mærsk Giant* drilling facility at position 57°3'32.49"north and 3°6'46.91"east.

The drilling program for well 8/10-5 S relates to drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 405. Centrica Energi (Norge) AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 40 per cent. The other licensees are Suncor Energy Norge AS with 30 per cent, Faroe Petroleum Norge AS with 15 per cent and Tullow Oil Norge AS with 15 per cent. Production licence 405 was awarded in APA 2006.

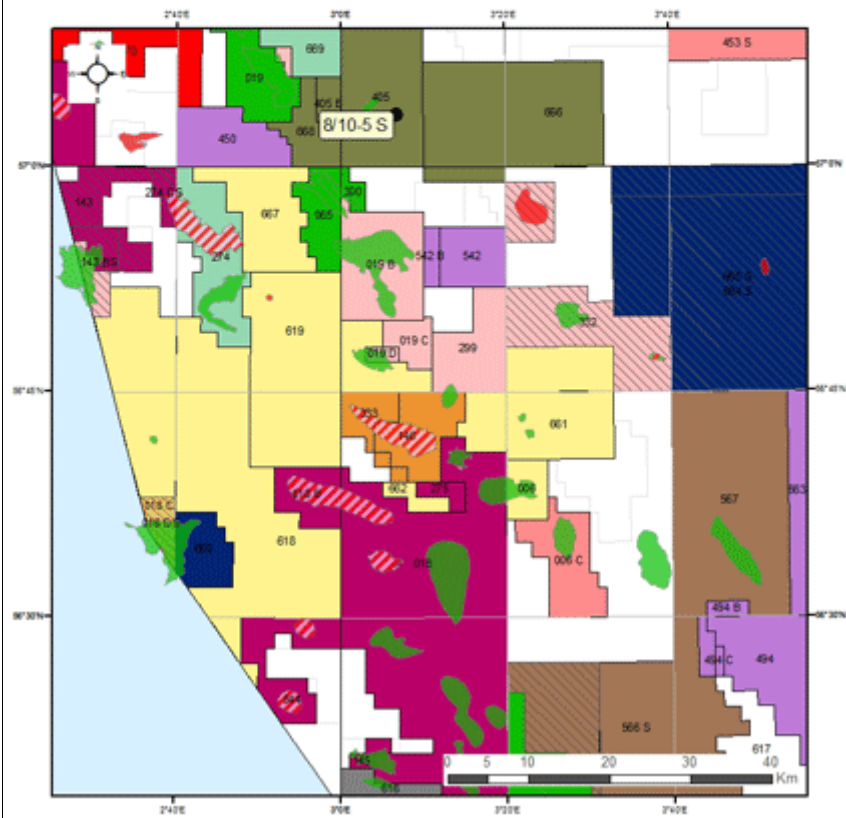
The area in this production licence is located in the southern part of the North Sea and consists of parts of blocks 7/9, 7/12, 8/7, 8/8, 8/10 and 8/11. Well 8/10-5 S is the fourth exploration well in this production licence.

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

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



Undersøkjingsbrønn
8/10-5 S
Utvinningssløyve 405



8/10-5 S and 8/10-5 A

14/05/2014 Centrica Resources Norge AS, operator of production licence 405, is in the process of concluding the drilling of exploration wells 8/10-5 S and 8/10-5 A. The wells are dry.

The wells were drilled approx. 13 kilometres southeast of the Ula field, in the southern sector of the North Sea.

The purpose of the wells was to prove petroleum in Upper Jurassic reservoir rocks (the Ula formation) in a segment east of the 8/10-4 S oil discovery ("Butch") encountered in the same production licence in 2011. Wells 8/10-5 S and 8/10-5 A encountered 45 metres and 50 metres, respectively, of sandstone in the Ula formation of good reservoir quality.

Extensive data collection and sampling were carried out, which will be used in the further development of the nearby 8/10-4 S discovery.

These are the fourth and fifth exploration wells drilled in [production licence 405](#). The licence was awarded in APA 2006. Wells 8/10-5 S and 8/10-5 A were drilled to vertical depths of 2750 metres and 2263 metres below the sea surface, respectively, and were completed in the Zechstein group in the Permian age. Water depth is 66 metres. The wells will be plugged and abandoned.

The wells were drilled by the *Mærsk Giant* drilling facility, which will now drill exploration well 8/10-6 S in a segment south of the 8/10-4 S oil discovery in the same production licence.

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