

NPD – exploration drilling result

18/02/2015 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for well 6706/12-2, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 6706/12-2 will be drilled from the *Transocean Spitsbergen* drilling facility in position 67°05'08,63" north and 06°52'00,09" east.

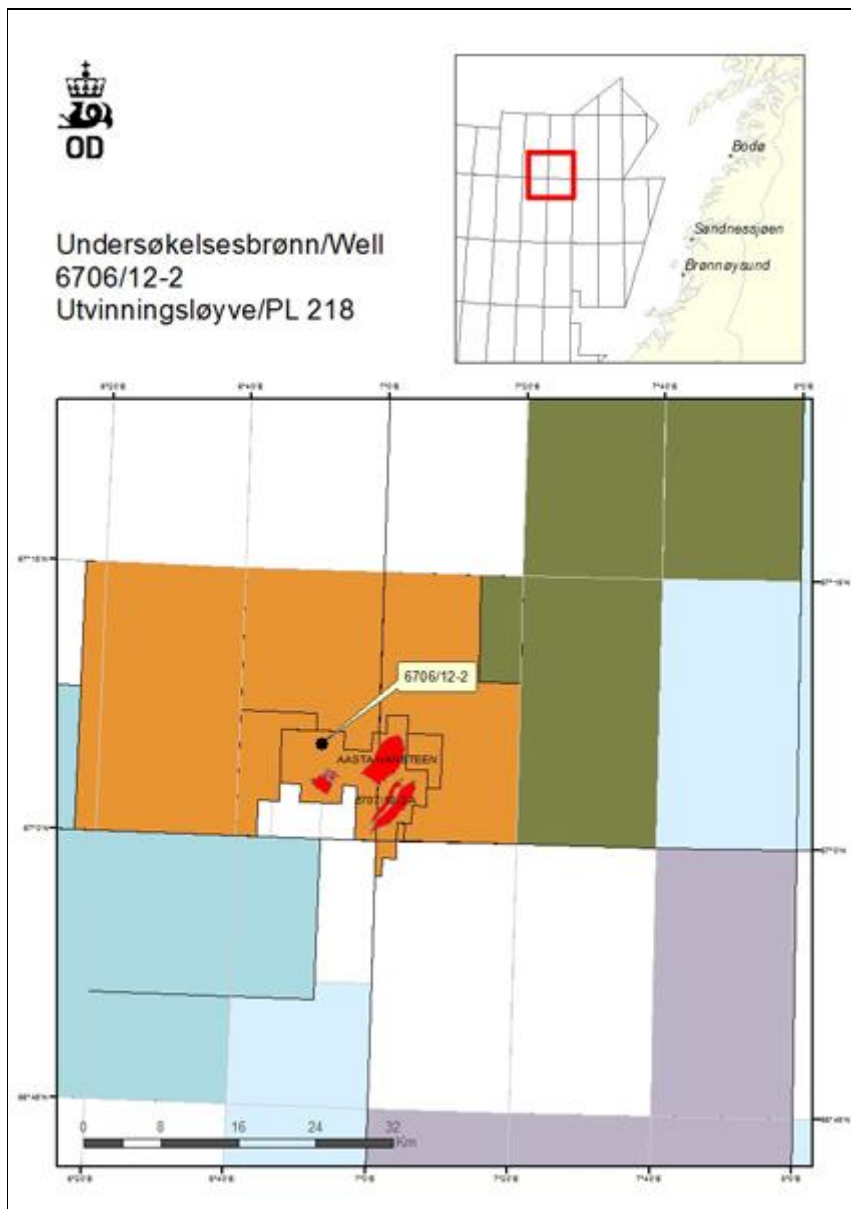
The drilling programme for well 6706/12-2 concerns the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 218. Statoil is the operator with an ownership interest of 51 per cent. The other licensees are Wintershall Norge AS (24 per cent), OMV Norge AS (15 per cent) and ConocoPhillips Skandinavia AS (10 per cent).

The area in this licence consists of part of block 6706/12 and part of block 6707/10. The well will be drilled about six kilometres northwest of the Aasta Hansteen field.

Production licence 218 was awarded on 2 February 15 1996 (the 15th licensing round on the Norwegian shelf). This is the fifth well drilled in the licence.

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.



6706/12-2

18/03/2015 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 218, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 6706/12-2.

The well was drilled about six kilometres west of the Aasta Hansteen field in the northern part of the Norwegian Sea.

The objective of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rock from the Upper Cretaceous (the Nise Formation). The well encountered a total gas column

of about 105 metres and a four-metre oil column in the Nise Formation, about 75 metres of which is in sandstone of very good reservoir quality.

Preliminary calculations of the size of the discovery are between five and nine billion standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable gas. The licensees will consider the discovery along with other discoveries as regards a tie-in to the Aasta Hansteen field. The well was not formation tested, but extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out.

This is the fifth exploration well in [production licence 218](#). The licence was awarded on 2 February 1996 in the 15th licensing round.

Appraisal well 6706/12-2 was drilled to a vertical depth of 2714 metres below sea level and was terminated in the Nise Formation in the Upper Cretaceous. Water depth at the site is 1312 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6706/12-2 was drilled by the *Transocean Spitsbergen* drilling facility, which will now proceed to drill wildcat well 6706/12-3 in production licence 602 near the Aasta Hansteen field, also operated by Statoil Petroleum AS.



Undersøkelsesbrønn/Well
6706/12-2
Utvinningssløyve/PL 218

