<u>NPD</u> – exploration drilling result

28/04/2015 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate has granted Wintershall Norge AS a drilling permit for well 35/12-5 S, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

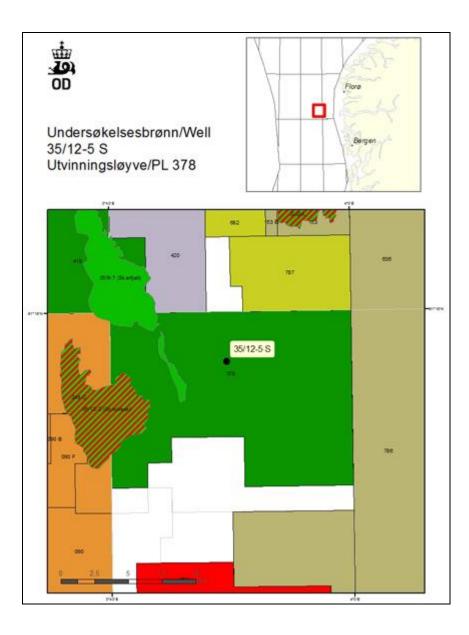
Well 35/12-5 S will be drilled from the *Trancocean Arctic* drilling facility at position 61°13`01.65" north and 03°49`39.29" east, after completing the drilling of wildcat well 6406/2-8 for Wintershall Norge AS in production licence 589.

The drilling programme for well 35/12-5 S relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 378. Wintershall Norge AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 45 per cent. The other licensees are Capricorn Norge AS (20 per cent), Explora Petroleum AS (17.5 per cent) and Talisman Energy Norge AS (17.5 per cent). The area in this licence is composed of parts of block 35/12. The well will be drilled about 80 kilometres southwest of Florø.

Production licence 378 was awarded on 6 January 2006 (APA 2005). This is the fifth 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 <u>Factpages</u> for more information about this wellbore.



35/12-5 S

18/06/2015 Wintershall Norge AS, operator of production licence 378, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 35/12-5 S.

The well was drilled about 15 km southwest of the Gjøa field in the North Sea and 80 kilometres southwest of Florø.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in reservoir rocks from the Upper Jurassic (the Heather, Sognefjord and Fensfjord formations). Well 35/12-5 S encountered about 10 metres of sandstone in the Heather formation, 35

metres of sandstone in the Sognefjord formation and 32 metres of sandstone in the Fensfjord formation, all with good reservoir quality. It also encountered 9 metres of sandstone with poor reservoir quality in the Etive formation. The well is dry.

Data acquisition and sampling have been carried out. This is the fifth exploration well in production licence 378. The licence was awarded in APA 2005.

Well 35/12-5 S was drilled to a vertical depth of 3369 metres and a measured depth of 3570 metres below the sea surface and was terminated in the Oseberg formation in the Middle Jurassic.

Water depth at the site is 353 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 35/12-5 S was drilled by the *Transocean Arctic* drilling facility, which is now scheduled to drill wildcat well 6406/12-4 S in production licence 586 in the Norwegian Sea, operated by VNG Norge AS.

