

NPD – exploration drilling result

22/05/2015 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for well 6706/11-2, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 6706/11-2 will be drilled from the *Transocean Spitsbergen* drilling facility in position 67°03'56.97"north and 06°32'57.45"east after completing the drilling of wildcat wells 6407/8-7 and 6407/8-7 A for Statoil in production licence 348 C.

The drilling program for well 6706/11-2 relates to the drilling of wildcat wells in production licence 602. Statoil Petroleum AS is the operator with an ownership interest of 30 per cent. The other licensees are Centrica Resources AS (20 per cent), Petoro AS (20 per cent), Rocksources Exploration Norway AS (10 per cent), Wintershall Norge AS (10 per cent) and Atlantic Petroleum Norge (10 per cent).

The area in this licence consists of part of block 6706/10, block 6706/11 and part of block 6706/12. The well will be drilled about 22 kilometres west of Aasta Hansteen (the Haklang field).

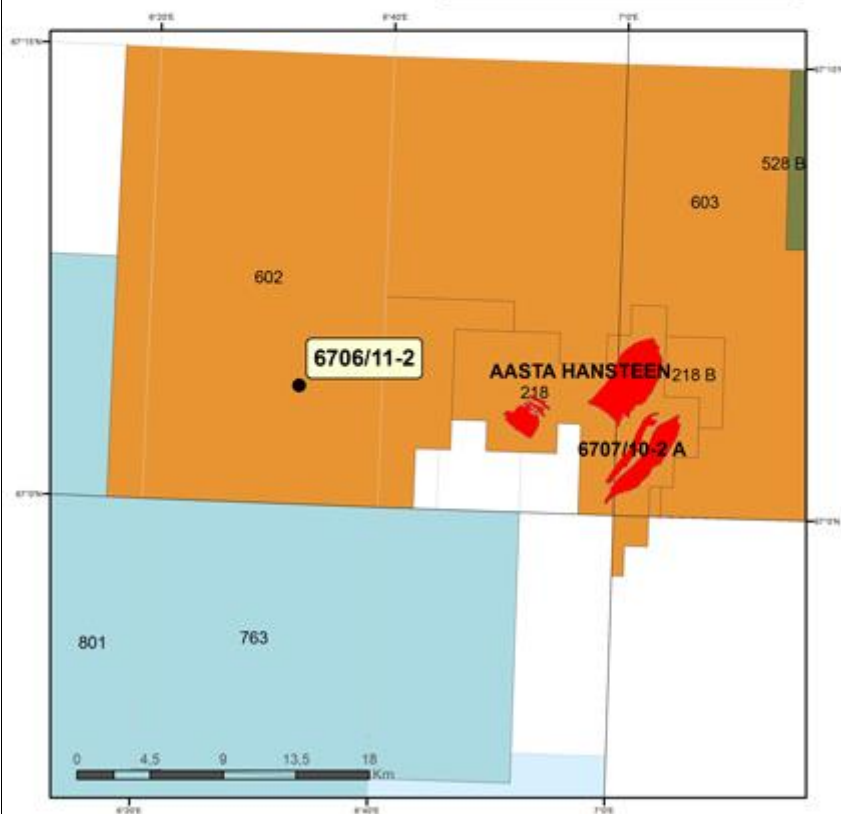
Production licence 602 was awarded on 13 May 2011 in the 21st licensing round on the Norwegian shelf. This is the second well to be drilled in the licence.

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

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Undersøkellesbrønn/Well
6706/11-2
Utvinningsløyve/PL 602



6706/11-2

09/06/2015 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 602, has concluded the drilling of wildcat well 6706/11-2. The well encountered gas.

The well was drilled about 20 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 Upper Cretaceous reservoir rocks (the Nise formation).

The well encountered a total gas column of about 70 metres in the Nise formation, of which 40 metres in sandstone with very good reservoir quality. Preliminary estimates place the size of the discovery between one and three billion standard cubic metres (Sm³) of recoverable gas.

The well was not formation-tested, but extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out.

The licensees will assess the discovery together with other discoveries in this production licence and the neighbouring licence (218) with regard to development and tie-in to the Aasta Hansteen field.

This is the second exploration well in [production licence 602](#). The licence was awarded in the 21st licensing round in 2011.

Well 6706/11-2 was drilled to a vertical depth of 2556 metres below the sea surface, and was terminated in the Nise formation in the Upper Cretaceous. Water depth at the site is 1272 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Well 6706/11-2 was drilled by the *Transocean Spitsbergen* drilling facility, which will now be laid up at Averøy outside Kristiansund. The rig has completed its Contract with Statoil.



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