

## NPD – exploration drilling result

12/08/2015 The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has granted Statoil Petroleum AS a drilling permit for well 16/7-11, cf. Section 8 of the Resource Management Regulations.

Well 16/7-11 will be drilled from the *Songa Trym* drilling facility in position 58°22'52.98" north 02°04'05.00" east.

The drilling programme for well 16/7-11 relates to the drilling of a wildcat well in production licence 072 B. Statoil is the operator with a 50 per cent ownership interest. The other licensee is ExxonMobil Exploration & Production Norway AS with 50 per cent.

The area in this licence consists of parts of block 16/7. The well will be drilled east of the Sleipner Øst field in the central sector of the North Sea.

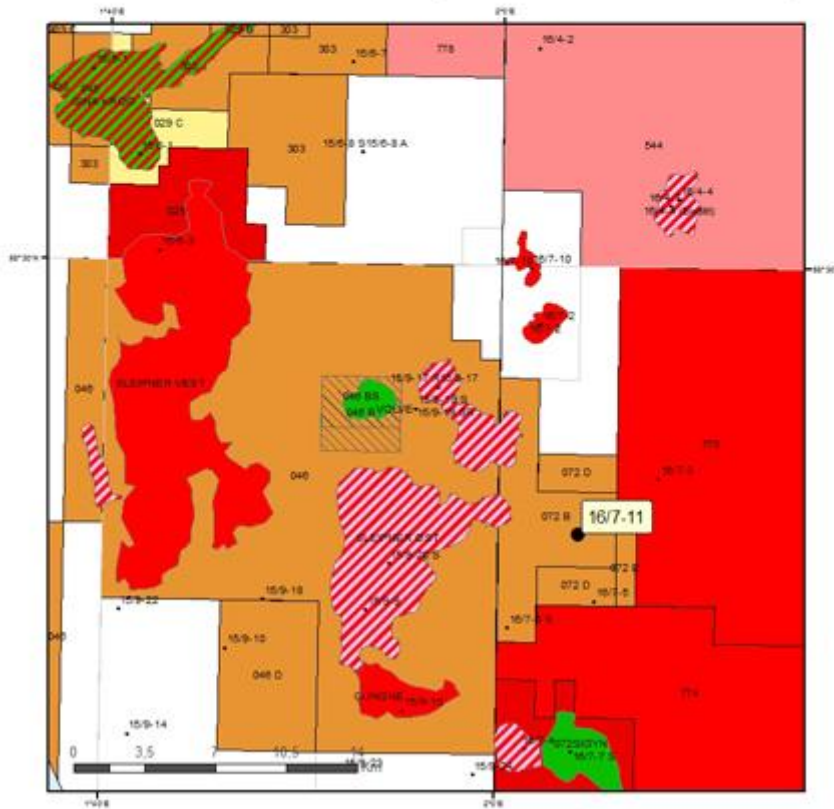
Production licence 072 B was awarded on 24 September 2001. This is the second exploration well to be drilled in the licence.

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

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



Undersøkellesbrønn/Well  
16/7-11  
Utvinningssløyve/PL 072 B



# 16/7-11

31/08/2015 Statoil Petroleum AS, operator of production licence 72 B, is in the process of completing the drilling of wildcat well 16/7-11 on behalf of production licences 72 B, 72 D and 72 E.

The well was drilled approximately 10 kilometres east of the Sleipner A platform in the central part of the North Sea and 220 kilometres west of Stavanger.

The purpose of the well was to prove petroleum in Upper Trias reservoir rocks (the Skagerrak formation). The well was drilled 97 metres into the Skagerrak formation, about 50 metres of which was in thin sandstone layers with moderate to good reservoir quality. The well is dry.

Data acquisition has been carried out. This is the second exploration well in [production licence 72 B](#).

Well 16/7-11 was drilled to a vertical depth of 2,625 metres below sea level and was terminated in the Skagerrak formation.

The water depth at the site is 81 metres. The well will now be permanently plugged and abandoned.

The well was drilled by the drilling facility *Songa Trym*, which will now drill wildcat well 25/11-28 in the central part of the North Sea in production licence 169, where Statoil is the operator.

