



General information

Wellbore name	15/9-23
Type	EXPLORATION
Purpose	WILDCAT
Status	P&A
Press release	link to press release
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Main area	NORTH SEA
Well name	15/9-23
Seismic location	PR07M01 xline:10216 & inline 1486
Production licence	408
Drilling operator	Det norske oljeselskap ASA (old)
Drill permit	1267-L
Drilling facility	BREDFORD DOLPHIN
Drilling days	47
Entered date	18.11.2009
Completed date	03.01.2010
Release date	31.12.2010
Publication date	15.06.2011
Purpose - planned	WILDCAT
Reentry	NO
Content	DRY
Discovery wellbore	NO
Kelly bushing elevation [m]	25.0
Water depth [m]	84.0
Total depth (MD) [m RKB]	3225.0
Final vertical depth (TVD) [m RKB]	3225.0
Maximum inclination [°]	2.3
Oldest penetrated age	LATE TRIASSIC
Oldest penetrated formation	SKAGERRAK FM
Geodetic datum	ED50
NS degrees	58° 16' 29.1" N
EW degrees	1° 52' 23.2" E
NS UTM [m]	6459999.91
EW UTM [m]	433900.09
UTM zone	31
NPID wellbore	6186



Wellbore history

General

Well 15/9-23 was drilled in the southern Viking Graben, south of the Sleipner East Field in the North Sea. The primary objective was to test the Middle Jurassic Hugin and Sleipner formations and the Triassic Skagerrak formation within the Skardkollen prospect. The Early Paleocene Ty Formation was secondary objective.

Operations and results

Wildcat well 15/9-23 was spudded with the semi-submersible installation Bredford Dolphin on 18 November 2009 and drilled to TD at 3225 m in late Triassic sediments of the Skagerrak Formation. A 9 7/8" pilot hole was drilled from the 36" section to 714 m and a shallow gas zone was encountered at 674 to 678 m. The hole was opened to 26" down to 556 m, and 20" casing was set at 550 m. The well was drilled with seawater and hi-vis sweeps down to 556 m, with KCl/Glycol mud from 556 to 1520 m, and with XP-07 oil based mud from 1520 m to TD.

The top of the first Frigg Formation sand was penetrated at 2092 m. The secondary target, the Ty Formation of the lowermost Rogaland Group was penetrated at 2524 m. The Ty Formation constituted excellent reservoir sandstones with a gross thickness of 24 m. GeoTap pressure measurements detected a pore pressure depletion of 105 bar compared to a normal hydrostatic gradient, most likely related to production at the nearby Sleipner East Field within the same stratigraphical unit. The primary reservoir target, the Middle-Jurassic Vestland Group, was penetrated at 3087.5 m, 45.5m deeper than anticipated. The Hugin Formation was absent, and the top of the Vestland Group consisted of the coal-bearing Sleipner Formation. Firm identification of red-brown Triassic mudstones of the Skagerrak Formation was penetrated at 3169 m, 5.5m shallower than prognosed. GeoTap pressure measurements through the Sleipner- and Skagerrak Formations also detected higher overpressures (65-73-89 bar) than measured in the nearby, analogue wells. The high and vertically varying overpressures, in combination with the low N/G and inferred poor/non-effective sand-to-sand connectivity, may explain the failure of hydrocarbons migrating into the Skardkollen structure.

All reservoirs were water-wet. The only show recorded in the well was a very weak show on cuttings in the Sleipner Formation. Lack of supportive from logs and gas levels suggested that the show could be caused by the drilling fluid.

No cores were cut. No logs were run on wire line, all logs are from LWD. No fluid samples were taken.

The well was permanently abandoned on 3 January 2010 as a dry well.

Testing

No drill stem test was performed.

Cuttings at the Norwegian Offshore Directorate

Cutting sample, top depth [m]	Cutting samples, bottom depth [m]
640.00	3225.00

Cuttings available for sampling?	YES
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Lithostratigraphy

Top depth [mMD RKB]	Lithostrat. unit
110	NORDLAND GP
891	UTSIRA FM
1133	HORDALAND GP
1271	SKADE FM
1285	NO FORMAL NAME
2092	FRIGG FM
2110	NO FORMAL NAME
2137	FRIGG FM
2161	NO FORMAL NAME
2323	ROGALAND GP
2323	BALDER FM
2345	SELE FM
2417	LISTA FM
2524	TY FM
2548	SHETLAND GP
2548	EKOFISK FM
2551	TOR FM
2730	HOD FM
2811	BLODØKS FM
2858	HIDRA FM
2889	CROMER KNOLL GP
2889	RØDBY FM
2898	SOLA FM
2917	TUXEN FM
2929	ÅSGARD FM
2938	VIKING GP
2938	DRAUPNE FM
3038	HEATHER FM
3087	VESTLAND GP
3087	SLEIPNER FM
3169	NO GROUP DEFINED
3169	SKAGERRAK FM

Logs



Log type	Log top depth [m]	Log bottom depth [m]
MWD LWD - DIR	109	178
MWD LWD - EWR GR PWD ALD CAL CNT	3004	3225
MWD LWD - GR RES ALD CTN BAT GEO	1525	3004
MWD LWD - GR RES PWD DIR	178	1523

Casing and leak-off tests

Casing type	Casing diam. [inch]	Casing depth [m]	Hole diam. [inch]	Hole depth [m]	LOT/FIT mud eqv. [g/cm3]	Formation test type
CONDUCTOR	30	175.0	36	178.0	0.00	LOT
SURF.COND.	20	550.0	26	713.0	1.65	LOT
INTERM.	13 3/8	1519.0	17 1/2	1525.0	1.95	LOT
INTERM.	9 5/8	2998.0	12 1/4	3005.0	2.10	LOT
OPEN HOLE		3225.0	8 1/2	3225.0	0.00	LOT

Drilling mud

Depth MD [m]	Mud weight [g/cm3]	Visc. [mPa.s]	Yield point [Pa]	Mud type	Date measured
109	1.04			Spud mud	
178	1.04			Spud mud	
199	1.30			Seawater	
502	1.04			Spud mud	
547	1.20	11.0		KCl/GEM	
714	1.25			Spud mud	
1145	1.22	23.0		KCl/GEM	
1380	1.20	22.0		KCl/GEM	
2589	1.25	20.0		XP-07	
3004	1.35	22.0		XP-07	
3225	1.36	21.0		XP-07	