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Vår Energi evaluates Fenja as possible tie-in option for Vidsyn 6406/11 find

Vår Energi has made a gas-condenstate discovery with its Vidsyn exploration well 6406/11-2S, drilled in PL586 in the Norwegian Sea, close to the operator's Fenja field in the same licence.

The Oslo-listed company, in a statement on Monday (21 July), said Vidsyn is a commercial gas and condensate discovery with gross recoverable reserves in the range of 25-40 million barrels of oil equivalent. It added that the discovery was made on the Vidsyn ridge, which has the potential to hold up to 100 million boe of reserves in all.

The operator said Vidsyn is the third commercial discovery it has made so far this year and will be evaluated for potential exploitation as a tie-in development, potentially via Fenja's subsea infrastructure, to the Equinor-operated Njord field facilities.

According to the Norwegian Offshore Directorate (NOD), the well was drilled with the *Deepsea Yantai* semi-submersible in 310 metres of water at a location about 8 km to the west of Fenja. It encountered a gas-condensate column of 110 metres in an Ile formation main target in a sandstone reservoir with moderate to good reservoir properties.

The reservoir was around 145 metres thick and the total column is more than 210 metres, the NOD added. Secondary targets in Tilje and Tofte intervals contained water, according to the regulator.

Vår said the discovery is located updip of a previous exploration well, "providing a clear framework confirming commerciality and supporting further evaluation of the broader Vidsyn ridge" play. This additional potential will be evaluated through an appraisal programme to facilitate a fast-track development, according to the operator.

"Vidsyn is an exciting discovery unlocking a much larger potential along the ridge in our operated Fenja area and adding high-value barrels to be developed, leveraging existing infrastructure in which Vår Energi holds significant equity," said Vår senior vice-president for exploration Luca Dragonetti. (Continued on page 2)