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## Vår Energi flows oil at maximum rates of over 4,000 b/d in Zagato appraisal

Vår Energi has flowed oil at maximum rates of more than 4,000 b/d in a pair of production tests in its Zagato discovery, in PL229 in the Norwegian Barents Sea, which is set to form part of its proposed Goliat Ridge subsea development.

The Oslo-listed operator, in a statement last Friday (16 January), said the tests carried out in Zagato appraisal well 7122/8-3A had confirmed good quality reservoirs and oil quality similar to that in its operated Goliat development in the same licence.

The Norwegian Offshore Directorate (NOD), in its own statement, also released last Friday, said that Zagato's reserves are now estimated at 3.3-11.9 MMcm of oil, equating to 21-75 million barrels of oil equivalent. The new estimate is up from 2.8-10.1 MMcm before the latest well was drilled.

The appraisal well was drilled in 410 metres of water with the *COSL Prospector* semi-submersible at a location 7 km northeast of Goliat.

According to the NOD, well 7122/8-3A, "encountered multiple oil columns totalling 63 metres in a Kobbe formation in reservoir rocks comprising a total of 38 metres with moderate to good reservoir quality".

A formation test in the upper reservoir zone in the Kobbe interval flowed at a maximum rate of 738 Cmd (4,642 b/d) and a test in the middle reservoir flowed at 659 Cmd (4,145 b/d), the NOD said. The tests showed good flow properties, the regulator added.

The well's result "strengthens our confidence in the potential of the Goliat Ridge discovery and we see an opportunity to unlock significant additional resources as tieback projects to Goliat", said Vår chief operating officer Torger Rød.

Vår said it has now drilled five wells and one sidetrack in the Goliat Ridge area where it is planning a subsea development that will be tied back to the producing Goliat FPSO, with first production targeted for 2029. *(Continued on page 2)*