Small gas discovery on the Korpffjell prospect in the southeastern Barents Sea

Lundin Petroleum AB (Lundin Petroleum) announces that Statoil AS (Statoil) has completed the Korpffjell exploration well 7435/12-1 in PL859 in the southeastern Barents Sea. The well proved a small, non-commercial gas discovery.

The main objective of the well was to prove oil in reservoir rocks from middle Jurassic to late Triassic age. The well encountered a gas column of 34 metres in sandstone with good reservoir quality in the main target. The Korpffjell gas discovery is estimated to contain gross resources between 40 and 75 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe).

Extensive data acquisition and sampling have been carried out and analysis of the well data will now commence.

This is the first exploration well to be drilled in PL859, which was awarded in the 23rd licensing round in 2016.

Alex Schneiter, CEO and President of Lundin Petroleum comments: “The southern Barents Sea remains an exciting exploration area with significant yet to find prospective resources and where the Company has established a large acreage position with prospectivity on three high impact trends.

While the results of the Korpffjell well are not what we hoped for, it is the first well to be drilled in the southeastern Barents Sea and more exploration will be needed to understand the potential of this area. Further drilling is expected to take place in 2018 in PL859 to test additional prospectivity. Additionally, a well is being planned next year on the large Signalhornet prospect in PL857, located some 300 km south of Korpffjell.

We are also drilling three further high impact exploration wells on the Loppa High and Filicudi trends in the southern Barents Sea before the end of the year, and so we remain excited about the significant exploration potential in the area.”

The well was drilled using the semi-submersible drilling rig Songa Enabler to a vertical depth of 1,540 meters below the sea surface and in a water depth of 253 meters. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned.

Lundin Norway holds a 15 percent working interest in PL859. Statoil is the operator with 30 percent and the remaining partners are Chevron with 20 percent, Petoro with 20 percent and ConocoPhillips with 15 percent.

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