

AFRICA

- **Dana Petroleum** made a gas discovery with its first exploration well in Egypt. The WEB-1X well is the first drilled by the Dana Petroleum and **Gaz de France** partnership at the West El Burullus production-sharing contract area within the Nile Delta region, in the Mediterranean Sea offshore Egypt. Dana holds a 50% interest in the discovery and license area, and Gaz de France owns a 50% stake. The WEB-1X well was drilled to 2403 m true vertical depth, targeting a Pliocene prospect consisting of a turbidite sandstone channel system.
- **Sonatrach** made a gas discovery with the Tirechoumine-2 well located on the Ahnet Block in the In Salah region of Algeria. Gas was encountered in the Gedinnien Devonian reservoir and flowed at a rate of 2072 m³/h.

ASIA

- **Total** made a discovery of gas and condensates on Block B, offshore Brunei, in a water depth of 62 m, approximately 50 km from the coast. Total, with a participation of 37.5%, is the operator of this block, in association with **Shell** (35%) and local partners (27.5%). The MLJ2-06 well, drilled to a depth of 5850 m, is the deepest drilled in Brunei in a high-pressure/high-temperature reservoir.
- **Maersk Oil Qatar** claims to have set a world record for the longest extended-reach well drilled at 40,320 ft measured depth with a 35,770-ft horizontal section by **Transocean's** jackup *GSF Rig 127*. The well was drilled offshore Qatar in 36 days and incident-free. The new record holder of 7.6 miles is also the first well that exceeds 40,000 ft. The well also extended Maersk Oil's previously held world record for the longest horizontal well by 9,000 ft.

AUSTRALIA

- **Hess** announced that the Glencoe-1 exploration well on Aus-

tralia's northwest shelf discovered natural gas in Upper Jurassic sandstones. The well encountered 92 ft of net gas pay, in line with predrill estimates and nearby Jurassic discoveries. Glencoe-1 is the first of four exploration wells being drilled on the WA-390-P permit by Hess in 2008.

EUROPE

- **Total** made a gas and condensate discovery in the Alwyn area of the northern North Sea, near the Jura field. The field, to be known as Islay, is located in Block 3/15 of the UK sector of the North Sea, 440 km northeast of Aberdeen, in a water depth of 120 m. The discovery well was drilled to a depth of more than 4000 m in the Brent reservoir and during testing it has produced 1.22 million m³ of gas per day. Total is the operator of Islay with a 100% interest.
- An oil-and-gas-condensate field has been discovered at Tsentralnaya structure in the Caspian Sea by **TsentrKaspneftegas**, a joint venture of **Lukoil** and **Gazprom**. The oil-bearing structure is situated in the central part of the middle Caspian Sea on the border between Russia and Kazakhstan within Russia's sector of the sea, 150 km to the east of the city of Makhach-Kala. During testing, the well produced a commercial open flow of sweet crude.
- **BP** and its coventurers, **Eni UK** and **Petro Summit Investment UK**, made an oil discovery in North Sea Block 16/23s, 230 km northeast of Aberdeen, to be named Kinnoull. BP and coventurers are evaluating the Kinnoull discovery and potential development options.
- **StatoilHydro** has struck gas during exploration drilling in the Norwegian Sea northwest of Kristiansund and will drill a sidetrack well to further identify the area. StatoilHydro, the operator of production license 348, now completes the drilling of exploration Well 6407/8-4 S. The

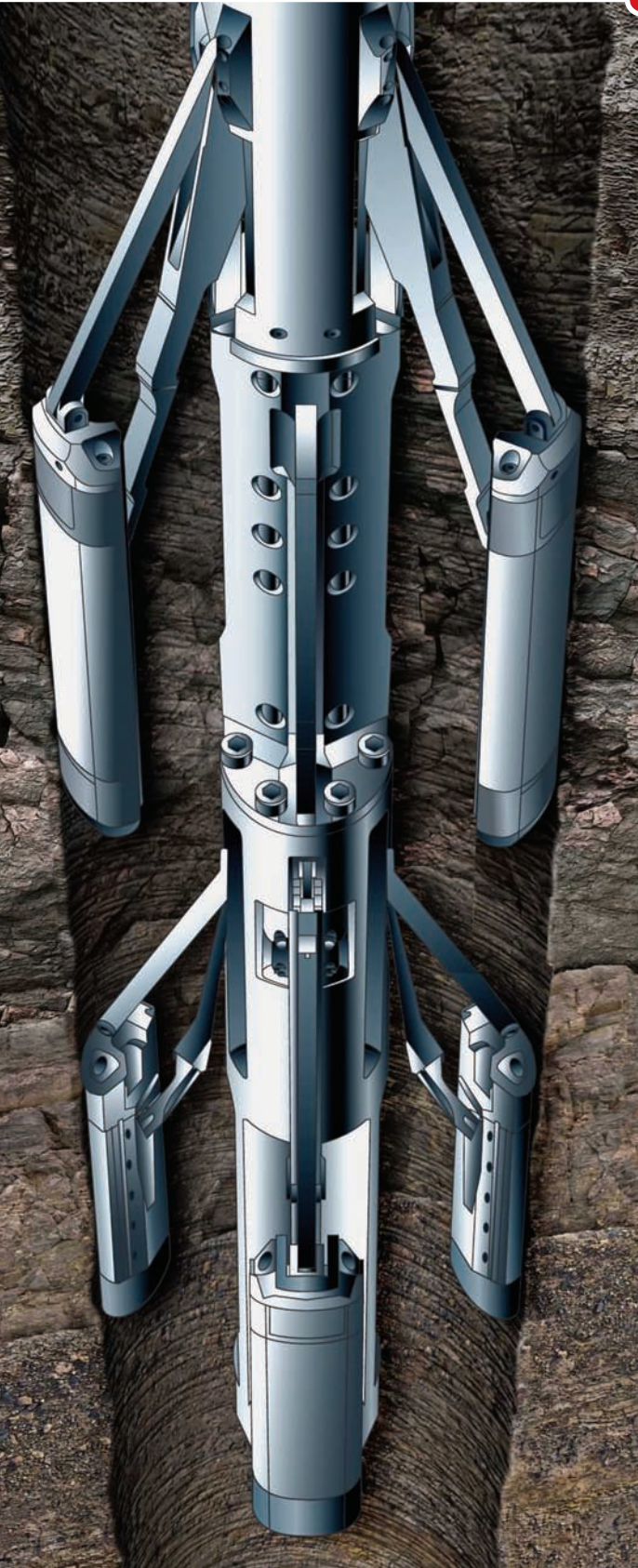
well is located 30 km northeast of the Njord field and 9 km northwest of the Draugen field. The well has confirmed the existence of gas in Jurassic sandstone. The exploration well was drilled to a vertical depth of 2632.3 m below the sea surface.

NORTH AMERICA

- **Eni** drilled an exploration well on the Stones discovery, located in Walker Ridge Block 508 approximately 325 km off the Louisiana coast in a water depth of 2300 m. The Stones-3 exploration well, drilled 1.6 km north of the Stones-1 discovery, reached a total depth of approximately 9000 m and encountered multiple oil-bearing sands. The well data will be analyzed while future drilling activity is being planned to further define the size of the discovery.
- **Gulfsands Petroleum** discovered natural gas in multiple pay zones in the EI38 No. 17 well, located in the Eugene Island protraction area within the Gulf of Mexico. The well was drilled to a total measured depth of 12,292 ft. The hydrocarbons encountered are natural gas with associated condensate. Gulfsands owns a 24.99% working interest in the EI38 No. 17 well.

SOUTH AMERICA

- **Petrobras** announced that the Well 1-BRSA-607-SPS has proved the presence of light oil in reservoirs above the salt-bearing layer. This pioneering well is located 275 km to the south of the city of Santos, off the coast of the state of Sao Paulo, 235 m below the water line.
- **Norse Energy** has spud the Peroba well in Block BM-CAL-6 offshore Brazil. The well, located in the Camamu-Almada basin, is targeting a depth of 2800 m in the upper Cretaceous sandstones and is in approximately 1170 m of water. **Petrobras** is the operator with a 45% stake, Norse Energy has 18.33%, **Queiroz Galvao Perfuracoes** 18.34%, and **El Paso** has 18.33%. **JPT**

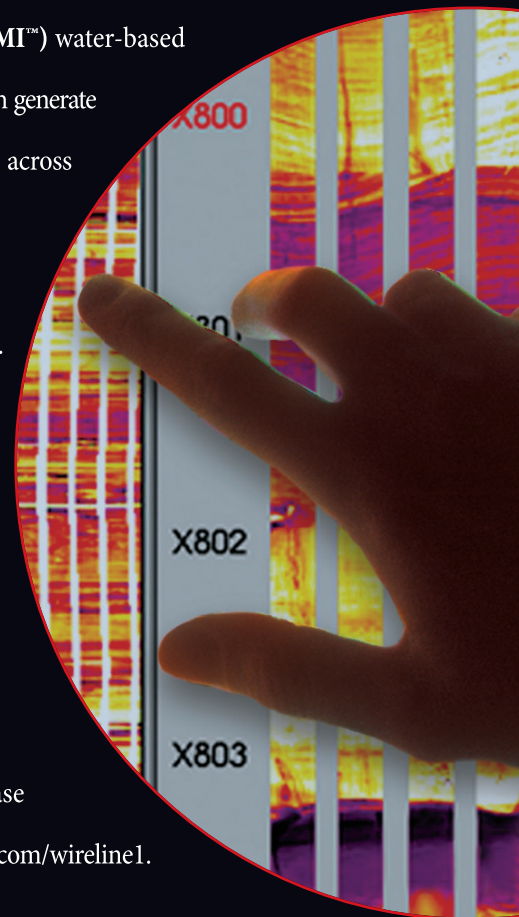


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