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**Two new exploration wells spudded**

Please find attached a copy of the presentation that Det norske will hold at Finansanalytikerforeningens E&P conference in Oslo at 1330 on Tuesday 24th November 2009.

Det norske has commenced drilling operations on Skardkollen in PL 408, located just north of the Grevling discovery. Det norske holds 100 percent in PL 408.

Det norske is set to merge with Aker Exploration. GDFSUEZ has commenced drilling operations with Aker Barents on the Pumbaa prospect in PL 469. Aker Exploration holds 25 percent in the license.

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*About Det norske (DETNOR) before the merger with Aker Exploration:*

*Det norske is the second–largest operating company on the Norwegian Continental Shelf with 28 operatorship and interests in a total of 52 licenses. Det norske is the operator of the Frøy Field development and will also operate eight to nine exploration wells in the North Sea and Norwegian Sea during 2009. Det norske's scope of activities is limited to the Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS).*

*Det norske currently employs a staff of 146 and the strong growth rate continues. The company's registered office is located in Trondheim and the headquarter operations is divided between Oslo and Trondheim. The company also has offices in Harstad, and Stavanger.*