



Application for new oil and gas licence in the Danish North Sea

DONG E&P A/S has submitted an application to the Danish Energy Agency for a licence for exploration for and production of hydrocarbons in a neighboring block in the North Sea.

DONG E&P A/S, who participates in license 4/95, has applied for a licence to an area in the Danish North Sea. The application concerns a non-licensed area that is a neighboring block 4/95, [see map](#).

The application signals the oil companies' sustained interest in exploring for oil and gas in the Danish North Sea. The application area is positioned in a part of the North Sea where only minor oil and gas exploration activities have been performed over the last few years. No other licenses apart from license 4/95 are adjoining the area applied for.

The Danish Minister for Climate and Energy has decided to initiate a so-called neighboring block procedure in order to issue a license for exploration for and production of hydrocarbons covering the area.

Where warranted by geological or production considerations the Danish Subsoil Act gives opportunity for granting a license for an adjoining area to a holder of a license. If the conditions for applying for an adjoining area are fulfilled, the neighboring block procedure can be initiated. In such case holders of other, if any, licenses adjoining the area applied for are invited to submit an application.

Following the Minister's decision to initiate the adjoining area procedure the DEA is now processing the application. It is the Minister who issues a new license after finalization of the application processing.



[Map: Danish License Area, December 2010, the Western Area](#)

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