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## LUNDIN PETROLEUM SPUDS APPRAISAL WELL 16/3-8S ON JOHAN SVERDRUP DISCOVERY, OFFSHORE NORWAY

**Lundin Petroleum AB (Lundin Petroleum), through its wholly owned subsidiary Lundin Norway AS (Lundin Norway), is pleased to announce that drilling of appraisal well 16/3-8S on the Johan Sverdrup discovery located in the North Sea sector of the Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS), has commenced.**

The well is located on PL501 at the crest of the Avaldsnes High in the eastern part of the discovery with the objectives to establish the depth, quality and thickness of Zechstein group carbonates of Permian age and investigate the presence and quality of Jurassic reservoir sequences approximately 3.9 kilometres south-east of the discovery well 16/2-6.

Well 16/3-8S is expected to provide information of the Zechstein group carbonates sub-cropping the Jurassic reservoir in the Avaldsnes High area of the Johan Sverdrup discovery. The carbonates may play an important role for the development of this part of the discovery both as a potential good oil reservoir and to optimise the production planning of the Jurassic oil reservoir directly on top of it.

The planned total depth is approximately 2,025 metres below mean sea level and the well will be drilled using the semi-submersible drilling rig Bredford Dolphin. The drilling operation is expected to take approximately 45 days.

Lundin Petroleum is the operator of PL501 with 40 percent interest. The partners are Statoil Petroleum AS with 40 percent interest and Maersk Oil Norway with 20 percent interest.

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### **Reserves and Resources**

Unless otherwise stated, Lundin Petroleum's reserve and resource estimates are as at 31 December 2012, and have been prepared and audited in accordance with National Instrument 51-101 Standards of Disclosure for Oil and Gas Activities ("NI 51-101") and the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook ("COGE Handbook"). Unless otherwise stated, all reserves estimates contained herein are the aggregate of "Proved Reserves" and "Probable Reserves", together also known as "2P Reserves". For further information on reserve and resource classifications, see "Reserves, Resources and Production" in the Company's annual report.

### **Contingent Resources**

Contingent Resources are those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations using established technology or technology under development, but are not currently considered to be commercially recoverable due to one or more contingencies. Contingencies may include factors such as economic, legal, environmental, political and regulatory matters or a lack of markets. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable for the Company to produce any portion of the Contingent Resources.

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