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Faroe oil exploration will not stand and fall with the Brugdan 2 well drilling

We all hope this summer's drilling operation will deliver a good result. However, it will not be a disaster for the Faroes if not commercial discovery is made this time round either. The Brugdan 2 will no doubt provide much very useful information and therefore we should not regard this well as a make or break situation for oil exploration in the Faroes, says the experienced Norwegian geologist Mr Terje Hagevang, who spoke to oljan.fo. Mr Hagevang participated at the geological conference held at the Nordic House in Tórshavn recently. He thought the conference was very interesting and informative. He is also very excited to see what emerges from the pending drilling and sincerely hopes Statoil, together with their partners, will make a discovery. He adds however, that we should be very careful not to speak too much about this drilling as a make or break drilling for a Faroe oil industry - We hear far too many people speak about the Brugdan 2 well as if this will be the final decision regarding all future oil exploration in the Faroes, hinging upon what result emerges from this well drilling. The oil industry does not operate in such a manner. In the beginning the likelihood of making a discovery are far less compared to making a discovery. In the event no discovery is made this time either, the information gained from the drilling, will no doubt be of vast importance to future exploration efforts, says Mr Hagevang. Of course we all hope a commercial discovery will be made this summer, but it will not be a complete disaster if Brugdan 2 does not become a commercial find. The information gained will provide the oil companies with much valuable information. Another well will be drilled in two years time and who knows if not several more wells will see the light of day in the future, says this Norwegian geologist, who must be the foreign geologist who has monitored exploration in the Faroes for the longest time, stretching back

to the mid-90ies, when he arrived in the Faroes representing Saga Petroleum. Today he is the exploration manager for the UK based Valiant Petroleum. Shooting seismic Valiant Petroleum is one of the oil companies holding two Faroe exploration licenses and is the operating company in both licenses. The company originally held three Faroe licenses, but recently returned one license to the Faroe petroleum authorities. The company is currently shooting 2D seismic in Faroe waters and the company TGS is conducting this work. TGS is otherwise involved in a rather large-scale Faroe work project at the moment and will be involved in shooting seismic for the next two months. A representative for TGS says this project is both for their own account and for various oil companies one of them being Valiant Petroleum. Picture - Mr Petur Joensen CEO for Jarðfeingi and Mr Terje Hagevang from Valiant Petroleum. (Foto - oljan.fo/Jan Müller)