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## Statoil shooting seismic in the Faroes

The Norwegian seismic vessel the Artemis Atlantic has arrived in Faroes waters, where it will shoot seismic on behalf of Statoil. The operation is expected to last until the 20th of June. It is understood that this is all part of preparations for both a drilling and other extended surveys of the Faroe plateau, where Statoil holds several exploration licenses. Judging by the seismic projects coordinates, which are accessible from the MRCC webpage, it seems as if the surveys will cover several of the Statoil license blocks, e.g. 011,006,008 and 016. It is also quite interesting to note that this survey will also encompass the pending drilling project on the Súlan/Stelkur prospect. This prospect is very close to the UK/Faroe border, only a few nautical miles from the massive Rosebank discovery on the UK side of the border. Statoil is also a partner to this discovery. Oljan.fo has not managed to obtain any comments from either Jarðfeingi or Statoil. The vessel is owned by Artemis Shipping and it is chartered by Dolphin Geophysical. As the project standby vessel, the UK owned Fairline Surveyor will be employed. The vessel will utilise a 5,4 nautical mile long cable for these surveys. Statoil has several well drillings pending in the near future. One is the continuation of the Brugdu 2 well, which was partly drilled last year, but abandoned due to the poor weather conditions experienced in the late autumn/winter of 2012/2013. Statoil, Dong and OMV are also committed to drilling a well. Statoil is the operator in several other exploration licenses, which are encompassed by the latest seismic surveys and these surveys are no doubt also linked to at least some of the other mentioned licenses.