**SDX begins drilling at South Disouq concession in Egypt**

UK-based oil and gas exploration and production firm SDX Energy has started drilling SD-6X (Salah) well at South Disouq concession in Egypt.

SDX owns a 55% interest in the concession.

The SD-6X well will be drilled down to a depth of 9,000ft and is expected to complete in late next month or early April.

It is targeting an estimated 71bn cubic feet (ft3) of gas. The primary targets of the well are in the Kafr el Sheikh and Abu Madi formations, which already started [gas production at four discovery wells in the other areas of the South Disouq concession](https://www.hydrocarbons-technology.com/news/sdx-begins-gas-production-south-disouq/).

These four wells flow an estimated rate of gas between 8MMscf/d and 15MMscf/d.

Upon completion of Salah, the rig will move to the location of the SD-12X (Sobhi) well, targeting 33 billion cubic feet (bcf) in the Kafr el Sheikh formation.

The SD-12X (Sobhi) well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 7,000ft.

SDX will need to build tie-ins across the short distance 8km and 5.8km respectively, to the South Disouq central processing facility.

According to the company, the tie-in cost is valued at $2.5m.

SDX noted that it further requires two new wells to fully develop the 71bn resource at Salah and one further well would be needed to fully develop the 33bn resource at Sohbi.

SDX CEO Mark Reid said: “Salah and Sohbi are very exciting wells for the Company with the potential to more than double the reserves to be processed through the South Disouq gas processing facilities.

“We now have three rigs drilling simultaneously in Egypt and Morocco and I look forward to providing further updates on these campaigns in due course.”

In June 2018[, SDX Energy made new gas discovery at SD-4X well in the South Disouq](https://www.hydrocarbons-technology.com/news/sdx-energy-makes-gas-discovery-south-disouq-concession-egypt/) Concession.

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**Commencement of drilling operations at South Disouq in Egypt**

SDX Energy Plc (AIM: SDX), the MENA-focused oil and gas company, is pleased to announce that the SD-6X (Salah) well at South Disouq in Egypt (SDX 55% working interest) has commenced drilling operations.

Salah is expected to a reach its targeted depth of  approximately 9,000 feet in late March/early April and is targeting gross P50 unrisked prospective resources of c.71 bcfe, as estimated by management.  Salah's primary targets are in the same Kafr el Sheikh and Abu Madi formations that the Company's existing four wells are already producing from.

On completion of Salah, the rig will move to the location of the SD-12X (Sobhi) well, approximately six kilometres to the west, which is targeting gross P50 unrisked prospective resources of c.33 bcfe, as estimated by management.  Sobhi's primary target is also in the Kafr el Sheikh formation at a depth of approximately 7,000 feet.

If successful, the Salah and Sobhi wells would require short, 8.0 kilometre and 5.8 kilometre, tie-ins to the South Disouq Central Processing Facility with SDX's share of the tie-in cost estimated at US$2.5 million and US$1.9 million respectively. The Company is reviewing a number of development concepts depending on the size of any discovery that is made. To fully produce the 71 bcfe gross P50 unrisked resource targeted in the Salah well, two further development wells would likely be required. The 33 bcfe gross P50 unrisked resource targeted in the Sobhi well, would potentially only require one further development well.

**Mark Reid, CEO of SDX, commented:**

*"Salah and Sohbi are very exciting wells for the Company with the potential to more than double the reserves to be processed through the South Disouq gas processing facilities.  We now have three rigs drilling simultaneously in Egypt and Morocco and I look forward to providing further updates on these campaigns in due course."*