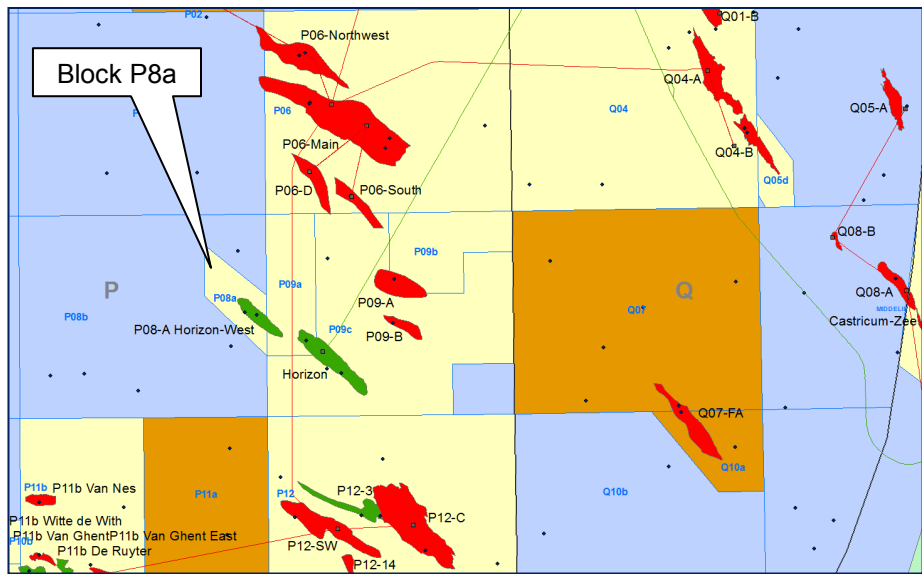


Van Dyke returns to Dutch sector

One of the industry's first independents to explore in the offshore Netherlands has returned to the country in Block P8a, where Van Dyke Energy has assumed operatorship from Grove Energy (a subsidiary of Stratic, which was itself acquired by EnQuest in 2010). In its previous existence, Van Dyke Oil, which became Van Dyke Energy in 1981, discovered the Horizon, Rijn and L1



fields as well as completing the first horizontally developed offshore Dutch field at Horizon. Chevron is currently the operator of the Horizon Field but this will soon change to Petrogas (see previous article). Van Dyke Energy exited the Netherlands in 1996. It is now seeking to grow its Dutch portfolio where it is pursuing production opportunities in both the offshore and onshore. Block P8a contains the as yet to be developed Horizon West discovery, some 6 kms to the west of the Horizon Field. Both Horizon and Horizon West are reservoired in the Lower Cretaceous Vlieland Sandstone and Horizon is currently producing around 500 bopd.