



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS**

**Information Release Statement  
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PTTEP Australasia's program of works to drill a relief well to stop the leak of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea is continuing.

Work began yesterday (16 September 2009) to drill a 17.5-inch diameter hole to a depth of 1622m and it is expected that this phase will be completed over the weekend.

It follows the successful drilling of an initial 26-inch diameter hole to a depth of 149m and a 20-inch conductor pipe being run through and cemented into position on Tuesday (15 September 2009).

The total operation – to drill to a depth of 2.6km to intersect the existing well and allow for the injection of heavy mud to stop the flow – is expected to take about three-and-a-half weeks to complete.

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