



PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS

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Work will continue this weekend as PTTEP Australasia drills a relief well to stop the leak of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea.

It is expected that the next phase of the program – drilling a 17.5-inch diameter hole to a depth of 1622m – will be completed by Sunday night.

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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