



PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS

**Information Release Statement
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Drilling on a relief well to stop the leak of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea is continuing today.

PTTEP Australasia expects that drilling a 17.5-inch diameter hole to a depth of 1622m will be completed by the end of the weekend.

This phase 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 – commenced on Monday (14 September 2009) and is expected to take about three-and-a-half weeks to complete.

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