



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information #46**

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Work has begun to reach a depth of 2,300m in the latest stage of the operation to drill a relief well to stop the flow of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea.

This phase of the drilling operation is expected to be completed by the end of the weekend.

The previous phase of the drilling to a depth of 1,622m was completed on 21 September.

The final phase of the drilling of the relief well is scheduled to start early next week and will drill from 2,300m to the final planned depth of 2.6km.

In the last stage of the relief well operation, after completion of the drilling component, sophisticated electro magnetic ranging tools will then be used to intersect the existing well. Heavy mud will be injected into the well bore to stop the flow of oil, gas and water.

The drilling operation remains on track to take a total of three-and-a-half weeks (from the start date of 14 September) to stop the leak.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) continues surface spraying and containment and recovery operations by directing vessels to collect and disperse patches of oil.

The main area of containment/recovery is currently focused on an area 137km from the *West Atlas* drilling platform, 75km east of Ashmore Reef.

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