



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information #47**

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Drilling operations to stop the flow of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea are progressing.

Work to drill a 12¼ inch hole to reach a depth of 2,300m in the latest stage of the relief well drilling operation is continuing and is expected to be completed over the next few days.

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

The final phase of drilling the relief well will see a 95/8 inch liner inserted into the well before drilling an 8½ inch hole from 2,300m to the final depth of 2.6km. This is currently scheduled to start early next week.

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.

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