



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS  
Incident Information #48**

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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 today continuing.

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 tomorrow evening (28 September).

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 and cemented into place.

Drilling of an 8½ inch hole from 2,300m to the final target depth of 2,600m is expected to commence later this 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 relief well drilling operation remains on schedule to take a total of three-and-a-half weeks (from the drilling 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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