



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information #49**

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Work to stop the flow of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea continues today.

Drilling of a 12¼ inch hole to reach a depth of 2,300m in the latest stage of the relief well drilling operation is expected to be completed by tomorrow.

Following this, a 95/8 inch liner will be 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, and 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.

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