



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information #50**

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PTTEP Australasia is continuing drilling operations to stop the flow of oil, gas and water from the Montara well head platform in the Timor Sea.

Drilling of a 12¼ inch hole to reach a depth of 2,300m in the latest stage of the relief well drilling operation was completed this morning.

The next step is for a 95/8 inch liner to be inserted into the well and cemented into place. It is expected that this will be completed by Thursday night (1 October 2009).

Drilling of an 8½ inch hole from 2,300m to the final target depth of 2,600m will then begin.

Following this, sophisticated electro magnetic ranging tools will 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.

Following the completion of the initial relief well operation, a specialist crew will board the *West Atlas* drilling rig and the Montara well head platform to further secure the well by plugging the well bore. This phase is expected to take about another week.

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