



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information # 66**

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PTTEP Australasia is currently on track to make a third pass to intercept and stop the leaking well in the Montara field in the Timor Sea this Saturday (17 October).

Work is continuing today to establish a side track well after a cement plug was set in the relief well yesterday.

“Our plan is to drill close to the target well and pull out of the hole later today before running a milling assembly to intersect the target well on Saturday,” PTTEP Australasia Director and Chief Financial Officer José Martins said.

Once the leaking well is intercepted, heavy mud will be pumped from the *West Triton* drilling platform down into the relief well, displacing the oil, gas and water and stopping the flow.

It will take approximately two hours to fill the total of 6.3km down the full length of the relief well and back up the existing well to the surface at the well head platform beneath the *West Atlas* rig.

After the flow has been stopped, there will be an approximate 24-hour safety stand off period. A team from leading international oil and gas well control engineering specialists ALERT Well Control will then reboard the well head platform and the *West Atlas* rig to further secure the well by inserting two plugs into the previously leaking well bore. This second operation to plug the well should take about another week to complete.

Members of the ALERT reboarding team are on stand-by at the Truscott air base in the Kimberley, ready to travel to the site if the intercept this weekend is successful, while a Perth-based boarding team is scheduled to fly to Darwin tomorrow (Friday, 16 October).

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