



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information # 69**

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PTTEP Australasia reports the drilling team aboard the *West Triton* drilling rig will make its next attempt to intercept and stop the leaking well in the Montara field in the Timor Sea on Thursday (22 October 2009).

The crew aboard the *West Triton* is conducting safety and equipment checks to ensure all processes and activities are undertaken in line with standard industry safety protocols.

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

After a 24-hour safety stand off period, a team from ALERT Well Control will then reboard the Montara well head platform and the *West Atlas* rig to further secure the well by inserting two plugs into the previously leaking well bore. This phase of the operation is expected to take about another week.

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NOTE: This media statement and all previous statements issued by the company can be viewed at www.au.pttep.com.