



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information # 72**

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PTTEP Australasia (PTTEP) reports work is continuing today to drill a new side track well to intercept and stop the leaking well in the Montara Field in the Timor Sea.

Overnight operations by the drilling team aboard the *West Triton* drilling rig have established the side track well to 2,620m using a downhole motor drilling assembly.

As with earlier intercept operations, the motor assembly has been replaced by a rotary steerable assembly to drill within two metres of the intercept target, a steel casing 25 centimetres in diameter, 2.6km below the seabed.

The drilling crew is now expected to reach the target area late on Thursday (22 October), with the next pass for an intercept on Friday (23 October). For safety reasons, the intercept and well kill operation can only take place during daylight to inject the heavy mud and complete the operation to stop the flow of oil, gas and water.

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