



PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS
Incident Information # 75

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PTTEP Australasia (PTTEP) reports that following an overnight analysis of electro magnetic surveys after yesterday's drilling activities, technical experts have recommended the use of a specialised guidance tool to optimise alignment of the drilling assembly in the well bore to intercept the leaking well in the Montara field.

A new pass to intercept the leaking well should take place over the weekend, following further surveys being conducted today.

The drilling team on board the *West Triton* rig will deploy the alignment tool down the intercept well to accurately guide the drilling assembly towards the target.

Following a successful intercept, 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. That phase of the operation is expected to take about another week.

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