



**PTTEP Australasia TIMOR SEA OPERATIONS  
Incident Information #89**

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PTTEP Australasia reports today that the Montara well head situation remains stable following yesterday's successful well kill operation.

The well is under control and the fire on the *West Atlas* rig and Montara well head platform has been extinguished.

Thermal imaging technology being used on the fire control vessel *Nor Captain* this morning showed the main fire damaged area on the rig and platform had cooled down to around 80 degrees Celsius and continues to lose heat quickly.

A specialist team from ALERT Well Control on the *West Triton* rig is today making preparations to reboard the *West Atlas* and well head platform.

Once aboard, the specialist team will conduct a damage assessment of the well head prior to plugging the well. Assessments and safety preparations will determine how the next phase to plug the well will be carried out.

The company expects the well head platform will be reboarded by next week following safety assessment and approval by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority.

Once the well head platform has been secured, specialist personnel from the owners of the *West Atlas* drill rig, Atlas Drilling (S) Pte Ltd, may attempt to reboard the *West Atlas* to assess the damage caused by the fire.

Atlas Drilling (S) Pte Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Seadrill Limited. Any questions relating to the damage to the *West Atlas* rig should be directed to Seadrill Limited.

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