

Maari partners switch to begin drilling M2A production well

28 September 2009 - The Maari oilfield expansion drill plan has been switched to commence drilling of the M2A production well into the sands that lie approximately 50 m above the now-flowing Moki reservoir in the offshore Taranaki field.

One of the Maari partners Cue Energy Resources, has reported that the partners in the OMV-operated field have temporarily suspended the Manaia-1 appraisal well and begun drilling the M2A well to optimize rig operations.

The long extension well to the separate Manaia structure was temporarily suspended when the casing was cemented in at a depth of 6,385 m as planned.

Both wells are being drilled from the Maari platform by the Ensco 107 jack-up rig.

By 11 September the M2A well was drilling ahead at 452 m. The M2A production well was scheduled to take 27 days to drill.

At the completion of the M2A well, drilling of the Manaia reservoir section will be completed.

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