



Media release

Otway operations update

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Beach Energy says that it is gearing up for a planned maintenance shutdown at the Otway Gas Plant, which will commence in early November, taking about four weeks to complete.

During the routine scheduled shutdown there will be an increased number of contractors on the site, and local traffic may increase as a result. Beach will be putting in steps to minimise impacts on the local community, however there may be noticeable gas flaring during the maintenance works, with Beach having all relevant approvals from the relevant authorities.

Meanwhile, drilling continues at the Enterprise 1 exploration well near Port Campbell, with the well targeting an offshore reservoir approximately three nautical miles from the coastline.

The well will take two to three months to drill, and if successful may be connected to the Otway Gas Plant, with gas sold on to Victorian households and businesses.

Otway Gas Plant Manager Frank Groen said the scheduled maintenance shutdown is a very important program.

“These maintenance works are all about ensuring our gas plant continues to operate safely and is compliant with all requirements under State and Federal legislation,” Mr Groen said.

“The Otway Gas Plant is a key piece of infrastructure for the Australian energy market, so it is vital that we leave no stone unturned when checking all the elements that make it tick.

Natural gas processed at the plant gets sold on to the Australian retail market for use by households and businesses across Victoria.

Mr Groen said that Beach operates under strict health and safety procedures, and has gone above and beyond the government requirements when it comes to protecting the community from potential COVID-19 infection.

“While the second-wave may have subsided across the State, we are not easing any of our COVID-19 safety protocols for this project – which has involved months of planning,” Mr Groen said.

“This means the wearing of masks, practicing social distancing, maintaining an operating ‘bubble’, strict PPE requirements, daily temperature checks, adhering to physical distancing requirements, strict delivery controls for supplies and restricting contact within the community.

“The health and safety of our workers, contractors and the local community is the number one priority,

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