

## Jestór empreza Finder Energy atualiza programa perfurasaun mina iha tasi Timor ba Xanana



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**DILI, 05 Marsu 2026 (TATOLI)**—Jestór Empreza Finder Energy husi Austrália, Damon Neaves, akompañadu husi Ministru Petróleu Rekursu Minerál, Francisco da Costa Monteiro, atualiza programa kona-ba projetu perfurasaun mina ne'ebé planeia sei implementa iha tasi Timor lokaliza besik 150 km entre Suai, munisípiu Kovalima.

Nia hatutan, objetivu hasoru malu ho Primeiru-Ministru, Kaya Rala Xanana Gusmão, hodi apresenta hela sira-nia projetu kampu mina ho naran Kuda Tasi ho Jahal ne'ebé lokaliza 150 km besik iha tasi Suai (Kovalima), ne'ebé sira planeia sei halo produsaun iha tinan 2027.

“Foin daudaun ami servisu hamutuk ho joing venture Timor Gap sosa ró ida-ne'ebé sei utiliza hodi halo operasaun ba produsaun mina nian iha tinan oin. Tanba ne'e sira sente orgullu tebes bele hasoru malu ho Primeiru-Ministru no fiar katak ba oin empreza bele servisu hamutuk ho Governu ba atinjimentu produsaun tinan oin nian,” Jerente empreza ne'e informa ba jornalista sira iha Palásiu Governu, ohin.

Nia dehan, inísiu produsaun husi empreza ne'e hamutuk millaun 25.000.00, bele servisu to'o tinan sia (9), karik projetu ne'e implementa sira sei estende to'o tinan 10 ba leten, maibé importante husi projetu ida-ne'e mak ninia lokalizasaun 100% iha área Timor lahanesan ho kampu sira seluk ne'ebé fahe ba nasaun seluk maibé ida-ne'e sei eskuzivu ba Timor.

Signifika katak bele kontribui desenvolvimentu ba Timor tanba sei fó oportunidade ba timoroan sira hodi servisu iha projetu refere no ba Estadu sei fó kontribuisaun ekonómia liuhusi taxa ne'ebé empreza selu.

“Maneira projetu ne'e empreza sei halo perfurasaun mina iha tasi sei prosesa enxe ba tanke ró nian ne'ebé iha, hafoin lori mai distribui ka faan ba empreza kombustível sira iha Timor. Entaun, prosesu ne'e la'o lais tebes, ami mós garante ninia qualidade tanba antes atu implementa ami halo ona peskiza, perfurasaun hodi teste ninia amostra no deteta katak mina refere tuir estandar 58% ne'e signifika nia qualidade di'ak ba merkadu,” nia esplikla.

Nia hatutan, maske sira seidauk iha serteza atu hetan autorizasaun ba projetu ida-ne'e maibé 100% husi empreza ho ekipa ne'ebé servisu ho Ministériu Petróleu Rekursu Minerál no Autoridade Nasionál Petroleu inklui Timor Gap, iha eransa no apoiu projetu ida-ne'e iha futuru mai.

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# **Finder Energy briefs PM Gusmão on progress toward Kuda Tasi oil production**

**DILI, 06 March 2026 (TATOLI)** – Finder Energy, an Australian energy company has briefed Prime Minister Xanana Gusmão on preparations for the development of the Kuda Tasi oil field, a project expected to begin production in 2027 and seen as a key opportunity to strengthen the country’s future energy sector.

The update was provided by Damon Neaves, Chief Executive Officer of Finder Energy, following a meeting with the prime minister on Thursday at the Government Palace in Dili.

Neaves said the meeting aimed to inform the head of government about the progress of the project and the next steps toward the planned start of production.

The project is being developed through a partnership between Finder Energy and Timor GAP, Timor-Leste’s state-owned oil and gas company. Initial production is estimated at about 25 million barrels of oil.

He said this is a strategic program, saying his company is proud to work together with the Government to make this initiative a reality.

Neaves added that Finder Energy and Timor GAP recently acquired a floating processing unit that will be used to process oil from the field. The vessel is currently in Europe and will later be transported to the production site.

The Kuda Tasi field is located in the Timor Sea, off the southern coast of Timor-Leste, within the former Joint Petroleum Development Area.

The field was first discovered in 1998 through exploratory drilling conducted by ConocoPhillips and its partners.

The development of the Kuda Tasi field could help support job creation and strengthen Timor-Leste’s economy as the country seeks to diversify its energy resources and maintain long-term revenue from the petroleum sector.

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