

WestSide spins Bowen bit

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Australia-listed WestSide Corporation has spudded the MER-02V pilot production well in production licence 94 in Queensland's Bowen basin.

The well will be drilled to a total depth of 550 metres, targeting the Baralaba coalbeds and Kaloola formation.

WestSide said MER-02V was the third well in a 16 well exploration program designed to increase the Meridian SeamGas joint venture's gross proved and probable reserves by up to 5.3 billion cubic metres.

WestSide chief executive Julie Beeby said the first lateral component of the of the Pretty Plains-10 dual-lateral production well-set had also been spudded late last week.

"Another rig contracted from EastCore is scheduled to complete the associated vertical connection component of the Pretty Plains-10 within the next week as well," Beeby added.

"We are committed to regaining the momentum we had generated within our drilling program prior to the intervention of wet weather and remain determined as ever to achieve our stated production and reserves targets at Meridian SeamGas as quickly as possible."

WestSide holds a 51% stake in the Meridian SeamGas coalbed methane fields, with Japan's Mitsui holding the remaining 49% stake.

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