

PR Horta-Representante Empreza Santos diskute kona-ba produsaun kampu Bayu Undan



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“Ami ko’alia pontu importanre rua ho Xefe Estadu. Ida mak investimentu Santos nian no ida mak produsaun kampu Bayu Undan. Bainhira Santos simu kna’ar nu’udár operadór Bayu Undan iha tinan 2020. Iha momentu ne’ebá, Santos deside atu investe tan mina-matan tolu. Husu mina-matan tolu ne’e mak dada naruk produsaun Bayu Undan nian,” José Lobato Gonçalves hateten ba jornalista sira hafoin ramata enkontru ho Xefe Estadu, tersa ne’e.

Nia dehan, laiha produsaun ba mina-matan tolu ne’e, produsaun Bayu Undan finaliza ona iha 2022 maibé ho mina-matan tolu ne’e, Santos halo investimentu mak dada produsaun Bayu Undan to’o tinan 2025.

“Ami mós informa ba Prezidente katak la kle’ur tan Santos haree Bayu Undan sei ramata, entaun ami mai atu informa ba Prezidente kona-ba Bayu Undan la kle’ur tan sei ramata,” nia hateten.

Tuir nia, normalmente kuandu produsaun gás ou petróleu hotu tenke hakat ho prosesu ida atu dezmantela plataforma. Husi Santos iha hanoin atu investe tan iha Timor-Leste ho projetu gás karbonu nian atu hala’o ka rezerva ba Bayu Undan ne’ebé mamuk ona.

“Ita haree, ohin loron, ita hasoru problema mudansa klimátika. Entaun, iha mundu hanoin oinsá mak atu hamenus gás karbonu nian ba atmosfera. Ideia ida mak bainhira iha prosesu produsaun petróleu nian ba iha gás C2. Se lae, atividade indústria iha Japaun no Korea sira separa C2 ne’e, nune’e ita-nian bele lori ba iha ne’ebá, prezerva hanesan saida mak iha Bayu Undan. Ida-ne’e mak investimentu ida-ne’ebé Santos hanoin atu investe maibé sei ko’alia ho Governu karik iha akordu projetu ne’e bele la’o ba oin,” nia dehan,

Antes ne’e, iha 03 Abril 2025, Ministru Petróleu no Rekursu Minerál (MPRM), Francisco da Costa Monteiro, prezide reuniaun ida ho representante sira husi empreza Santos no Joint Venture husi kampu petrolíferu Bayu Undan, ho objetivu atu analiza operasaun ne’ebé la’o hela, prioridade sira ba prazu badak nian no planeamentu ba faze tuirmai husi projetu ne’e.

Iha enkontru ne’e, participa mós husi Prezidente Autoridade Nasionál Petróleu, Gualdino da Silva, no Prezidente Konsellu Administrasaun no Diretór Ezekutivu TIMOR GAP, E.P, Rui Soares, ne’ebé nia empreza públika kaer partisipasaun 16% iha joint venture ne’ebé temi ona.

Bayu Undan lokaliza iha Tasi Timor, besik kilómetru 250 husi parte sül Dili nian, kampu Bayu Undan hahú produsaun iha tinan 2004. Empreza australiana Santos mak halo operasaun ba Bayu Undan, ne’ebé kaer partisipasaun 36,5% no mós halo parte iha joint venture SK E&S (21%), INPEX (9,6%), ENI (9,2%), Tokyo Timor Sea Resources (7,7%) no TIMOR GAP (16%).

Aleinde ne’e, nia dehan, sira diskute mós kestaun sira relasiona ho estatutu operasaun sira-ne’ebé la’o hela, kondisaun merkadu nian no aspetu komersiál estratéjiku sira, nomeadamente finál produsaun nian, oportunidade sira ba dezvoltimentu adisionál iha kampu ne’e rasik no iha área sira ne’ebé besik, no mós potenciál esplorasaun rekursu nian hanesan deskoberta gás nian iha kampu Chuditch

Ministru Francisco Monteiro mós apresenta vizaun preliminar Timor-Leste nian kona-ba abordajen dezvoltimentu ne’ebé prefere, hodi refleto objetivu Governu nian atu asegura valór ba tempu naruk liuhosi utilizaun estratéjika infraestrutur nian no aliñamentu ho meta dezvoltimentu nasional sira.

Reuniaun ne’e termina ho kompromisu konjuntu atu mantein koordinasaun no diálogo tékniku kontínuu entre parte hotu-hotu ne’ebé envolve, atu nune’e bele garante tranzisaun ida-ne’ebé efektivu no dezvoltimentu sustentável iha futuru ba kampu Bayu Undan.

Santos Again Discusses Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage Project with President Horta

DILI, 13 May 2025 (TATOLI) – The representative of Australian company Santos Ltd, José Lobato Gonçalves, met today with the President of the Republic, José Ramos-Horta, to discuss Santos' proposed Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project offshore Timor-Leste.

This is the second time Santos has presented and discussed the plan with the Head of State, following their previous meeting in 2022 at the Presidential Palace, where Kevin Gallagher, Managing Director and CEO of Australian company Santos Ltd, presented the Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project, which is expected to capture 10 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per year.

During the meeting, President Horta was briefed on the planned conclusion of Bayu-Undan's production and exploring new avenues for partnership.

José Lobato presented Santos's interest in a significant new venture: a Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project – an innovative proposal that could align with global climate mitigation efforts and create new economic opportunities for Timor-Leste.

“This initiative proposes to utilize the depleted Bayu-Undan reservoir for the secure, long-term storage of carbon dioxide, potentially sourced from various industrial activities,” read a statement.

In response, President Horta emphasized that any such undertaking would require thorough assessment and a clear agreement that benefits the nation and adheres to the highest environmental standards.

“The Presidency remains open to exploring sustainable investments that contribute to Timor-Leste's development and its role in addressing global challenges,” said the statement.

In 2023, Santos and its Bayu-Undan joint venture partners signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Timor-Leste's national oil company TIMOR GAP to explore partnership opportunities for the proposed Bayu-Undan CCS project.

Santos said that the project has the potential to reduce the absolute emissions and emissions intensity of Australian and Timor-Leste gas and LNG projects, as well as other hard to abate industries in the region.

Last year, the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MPMR) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) signed a one-year cooperation agreement for the implementation of the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project in Bayu Undan field. The agreement was signed by the Petroleum Minister, Francisco Monteiro, and the IFC Country Director for Indonesia and Timor-Leste, Euan Marshall, in Dili.

According to Francisco Monteiro, IFC will provide technical assistance to the ministry, contributing to the formulation of legal and commercial frameworks, as well as sharing its experience in similar projects in other countries.

Euan Marshall, IFC Country Manager for Indonesia and Timor-Leste said that the collaboration is also intended to support the ministry in exploring the conditions necessary to establish an innovative carbon capture and storage site in Bayu Undan.

Previously, the former President of the National Petroleum and Minerals Authority (ANPM), Florentino Soares Ferreira said that the Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project is estimated to generate up to US\$7 billion.

The proposed Bayu-Undan Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project is estimated to cost US\$1.6 billion.

The Bayu-Undan CCS project is part of Santos' three-hub CCS strategy that includes the Moomba CCS project, now 70 per cent complete and on track to store up to 1.7 million tonnes of CO₂ per year commencing in 2024.

Meanwhile, La'o Hamutuk, a local non-governmental organization in Timor-Leste, has expressed concern about the CCS project, stating that it is potentially dangerous for Timor-Leste and unlikely to effectively address climate change.

In June 2021, La'o Hamutuk published an article questioning the CCS plan because it undercuts the principle of climate justice and will negatively impact on Timor-Leste and the global climate. “This is already a public and worldwide concern, because human activities, especially extractive industries, are changing our climate, creating a serious crisis for humanity.”

In February 2022, La'o Hamutuk wrote a submission asking the Northern Territory (Australia) Environmental Protection Authority (NTEPA) to look at Santos' CCS proposal holistically, and to analyze it deeply, rather than only looking at Santos' interests.

La'o Hamutuk expressed strong opposition to the proposed CCS project at the Bayu-Undan field, stating, “Carbon Capture and Storage is not a solution.”

Santos has a 43.4% operated interest in Bayu-Undan. The remaining interest is held by SK E&S (25%), INPEX (11.4%), Eni (11%) and Tokyo Timor Sea Resources (9.2%).