

Chevron finds more gas near Wheatstone

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Chevron will expand drilling works at its Iago gas field, off the North West Shelf, adjacent to its proposed Wheatstone liquefied natural gas project, the company announced today.

The company drilled a second well at the Iago field, reaching water depths of about 117 metres and confirming a southerly extension of the field into a previously untested reservoir compartment, Chevron said in an announcement.

A follow-up drill test over a 105-foot interval flowed at a rate of 53 million cubic feet a day.

Chevron is expecting to enter the front-end engineering and design, or FEED, phase next year for a new gas project as it studies the development of the Wheatstone LNG and domestic gas resources.

The US-based firm is also seeking to develop the larger Gorgon LNG project in the same area, which is being delayed as the partners tackle a surge in building costs.

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