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## **State-of-the-art drilling rig launches WestSide's new drilling campaign**

WestSide Corporation Ltd (ASX Code: WCL) has kicked-off the second stage of its 2009 coal seam gas (CSG) drilling program using a newly-commissioned, state-of-the-art drilling rig. The Schramm TXD rig today spud the Tilbrook #9a exploration well.

The Tilbrook #9a well is the first well in the expanded drilling program which will include up to 16 new holes planned for the Company's two Bowen Basin tenements, ATP 688P (Tilbrook, Mount Saint Martin and Bald Hills) and ATP 769P (Paranui).

The Schramm rig is one of the largest dedicated CSG rigs in Australia and provides industry-leading efficiency in terms of drilling rate and logistics. The rig is operated and maintained by experienced international drilling company, Boart Longyear.

WestSide Corporation Chairman and Acting-CEO Angus Karoll said as the Company moves into its next phase of exploration and appraisal in Queensland's Bowen and Galilee Basins the Schramm TXD rig will allow WestSide to achieve greater efficiency and control over its programs.

"Having the option to call on our own rig will reduce our exposure to increasing drilling costs and market pressures," Mr Karoll said.

"Our team has worked diligently over recent months to ensure the rig has been commissioned to highest standards of safety and operability."

Additionally, the rig will be available for use by other industry participants at commercial leasing rates when the rig is not in use on WestSide's projects.

The Tilbrook #9a exploration well will confirm the depth and thickness of the "P" coal seam as a precursor to the drilling of WestSide's second dual-lateral CSG appraisal well at its Tilbrook pilot in ATP 688P, south of Collinsville.

WestSide will provide regular weekly drilling updates during the drilling campaign.

### **About WestSide Corporation Ltd**

WestSide Corporation Limited is an Australian Securities Exchange-listed company (ASX code: WCL) with interests in coal seam gas (CSG) projects in Queensland and Indonesia.

The company is currently operating an exploration and appraisal program in ATP 769P (Paranui) and ATP 688P (Tilbrook, Mount Saint Martin and Bald Hill) in Queensland's Bowen Basin. WestSide holds a 50% interest in each area with QGC, a BG Group business, holding the other 50% in each case.

WestSide will also target CSG at the two pending exploration tenements, ATP 974P and ATP 978P, which cover a combined area of 14,480 km<sup>2</sup> in the north-western part of the Galilee Basin in Central Queensland. These tenements will be 100% controlled by WestSide.

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**Image 1:** Schramm TXD Rig on site at Tilbrook, South of Collinsville in Queensland's Bowen Basin.



Tilbrook Pilot : existing and planned wells

