TO EGRIP STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, DANISH AND GREENLANDIC AUTHORITIES.

Expedition Permit C-18-5 EGRIP – SiTuation REPort (SITREP) no.01, Sunday 29. April 2018

This SITREP covers the period April 17 – April 29, 2018 (inclusive).

Movement of personnel:

17. April Jens Christian Hillerup (DK) from Copenhagen CPH to Kangerlussuaq (SFJ) by Air Greenland.
19. April Marie Kirk (DK) from CPH to SFJ by Air Greenland.
20. April John Paden (US) from Thule Air Base with NASA IceBridge to SFJ.
23. April Jørgen Peder Steffensen (DK) from CPH to SFJ by Air Greenland.
25. April Sepp Kipfstuhl (D), Sarah Harvey (US) from CPH to SFJ by Air Greenland.
26. April Hans Chr. Florian (GL) from Tasilaq to SFJ by Air Greenland.
26. April Sverrir Hilmarsson (IS), Bruno Stocker (CH), Karl Emil Nielsen (DK), Basile de Fleurian (F), Daniela Jansen (D), Lucas Kandora (D) from CPH to SFJ by Air Greenland.
27. April Ståle Rønning (N), H.C. Steen-Larsen (N), Alexandra Zuhr (D) from CPH to SFJ by AirGreenland.
27. April Jens Christian Hillerup (DK), Jørgen Peder Steffensen (DK), Sepp Kipfstuhl (D), Sarah Harvey (US), Hans Chr. Florian (GL), Sverrir Hilmarsson (IS), Bruno Stocker (CH), Karl Emil Nielsen (DK), Basile de Fleurian (F) from SFJ to EastGRIP by 109th.

Movement of cargo:

12. April- Disko (JEG) to SFJ Air Greenland:
(AWB 631-2744-5924) / 18 cll / 460kg / Drill + project equipment
(AWB 631-9804-5802) / 15 cll / 521kg / Drill + project equipment
19. April
(AWB 631-2744-6790) / 18 cll / 342 kg / AWI field equipment
(AWB 631-2744-7044) / 11 cll / 596 kg / Returned field drill equipment from Antarctica
(AWB 631-2744-6363) / 15 cll / 490 kg / CIC field equipment
20. April
(AWB 631-2744-7210) / 1 eur pll / 153kg / frozen food
(AWB 631-2744-7221) / 1 eur pll / 394kg / dry+ refrigerated food
(AWB 631-2744-6720) / 6 cll / 395kg / kitchen equipment from Brönnum
23. April
(AWB 631-2744-7011) / 7 cll / 217 kg / CIC field equipment
(AWB 631-2744-2284) / 4 cll / 330 kg / AWI Bassler field equipment
24. April
(AWB 631-2744-7582) / 2 eur pll / 553 kg / fresh food
25. April
(AWB 631-2744-7453) / 2 cll / 123 kg / CIC borehole logger + equipment
(AWB 631-2744-7022) / 21 cll / 1047 kg / CIC drill equipment
27. April- SFJ to EastGRIP by 109th / 2777 kg Cargo / 1xAF pallet + loose load
EGRIP camp put-in April 27.

The EGRIP camp put in began with arrival of 9 persons at EGRIP at 15.20. Camp was found in good condition; but with significant snowdrift between garages and main dome. One window on the 2nd floor close to the former computer table had blown off the hinges and some snow had drifted inside. The window was found intact in the snow outside. The window opening was sealed with plywood. After some digging, access was made to the carpenters garage, and by 16.10 we had the 35 kW generator running.

The following days:

The following days were spent opening more and more of camp and the opening crew was on a tight schedule as the German Basler with 4 people and another LC-130 with 10 people are scheduled to arrive by 1 May. By Sunday evening the main generator was running, both the garages were opened, several heavy vehicles started, skiway grooming was in progress, two weatherports were built and drinking water supply established.

Outside work was hampered by very rough weather conditions. It has been the coldest and most windy put-in in many years. Access to trenches has not been attempted due to adverse weather.

Weather at EGRIP:

Temperatures between -29C and -40 C, winds between 6 m/s and 11 m/s, turning from SW to N. Friday and Saturday blue sky, Sunday overcast and snow.

Kangerlussuaq activities:

Picking up cargo at Air Greenland cargo terminal to 442 warehouse.
Setting up the internet, arranging the KISS kitchen and the FOM office.
Planning of cargo and the Put-in.
Vehicles operational; Ford Flatbed, Toyota Landcruiser 1984, VW Taro, the 2 Toyota forklifts, and the Toyota Landcruiser 2006.

Weather in Kangerlussuaq/SFJ:

Upon arrival, there was still quite a lot of snow on the ground, but higher temperatures has melted quite a lot within few days. The weather has been variable with some cold and grey days, stormy days, and quite a lot of warmer days with blue sky. Temperatures between -2C to -15C.

The EGRIP FOM office is now open.

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