

NEEM - SITREP no. 8, Sunday June 15, 2008.

This SITREP covers the period June 9 – June 15, 2008 (inclusive).

Movement of personnel:

No movement

Movement of Cargo:

- June 9: ~2 kg; 2 colli, spare parts from CPH (from F.U. Hansen A/S) to SFJ by Air Greenland.
41 kg; 1 colli, science materiel for T. Blunier from CPH (from LGGE in Grenoble) to SFJ by Air Greenland.
40 kg; 1 colli, Metal sample container from CPH (from Univ. of Eaton/Norwich) to SFJ by SAS.
- June 12: ~20 kg; 1 colli, from CPH to SFJ by Air Greenland.
3636 kg; 45 colli (shall be confirmed by Lars), from Karup to SFJ by NYANG 109'Th LC-130.
- June 13: 442 kg; 9 colli, from CPH (from Bern/J. Schwander) to SFJ by Air Greenland.
- June 14: 1983 kg; 39 colli, from CPH to SFJ by Air Greenland.

Activities:

The week started with a blizzard. Luckily we were forewarned by weather forecasts which gave us the necessary time to cover the excavation for the drill trench with a roof before it would drift in by blowing snow. The week also ended with a blizzard, which arrived Saturday at noon.

Since our arrival to NEEM May 7th, we have so far had 8 days with so bad weather conditions that no real work was possible outside, and 13 days with strong winds and considerable snow drift. Therefore it so far has taken 12 working days for two persons working in shift to excavate the drill trench.

From Tuesday to Sunday we have been able to complete the main dome structure and putting ground floor and 1st floor in. Meanwhile, the excavation of the drill trench is still going on and is now near completion. At the end of the week (Saturday) we got visitors from the traverse that carries cargo from Thule to Summit. As NEEM camp is on their way we have the opportunity to get extra supplies (fuel) from Thule without using the NYANG 109'Th LC-130.

Maintenance and repairs are continuously performed in the garage and on days with adverse weather some construction work is also performed indoors.

All is well in camp.

Operational equipment at site:

PB 300 W, tiller and manually controlled crane
PB 100 Flexmobile (black shovel)
Toyota Mattracks Landcruiser

Four Lynx Yeti V-800 Snowmobiles
SDMO 16 kW generator (diesel)
Mase 16 kW generator (diesel).
Two Hatz 5 kW generators (diesel)
One Honda 4.5 kW generator (gasoline)
One Robin 5 kW generator (gasoline)
One Yanmar 3440 snow blower

Not operational:

One Yanmar 3420 snow blower, broken belts
PB-100 Flexmobil (yellow shovel) needs repair for oil leak.
One Hatz generator, needing repair. Almost worn out.

Weather: Monday, Saturday and Sunday: winds between 10 and 15 m/s, overcast, snow and blowing snow with temperatures from -11 C to 0 C. Tuesday to Friday fine with moderate winds (5-6 m/s) and temperatures around -10 C.

Camp population: 12 with 4 GRIT traverse guests Saturday and Sunday.

In Kangerlussuaq, the weather is still sunny with almost summer conditions now. The time is mostly used to prepare the arrival of the ship (June 19th) with cargo for the next flight period. Some cargo has already arrived by air.

Weather 10 C to 20 C, sunny with few clouds, rain just one evening. Almost no wind.
Still many mosquitoes in town and around.

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