ANTARCTIC LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE 2003–2004 SEASON

We want to advise you that a group of us, including Mike Sharp, David Rootes, Nick Lewis, Peter McDowell and Mike McDowell, have joined together to offer Antarctic logistic support for expeditions. We will operate from Patriot Hills, Antarctica, for the 2003–2004 season. The operating company will be named **Antarctica Logistics & Expeditions Ltd.**

Each person in this group has extensive Antarctic experience and in the cases of Mike Sharp and Mike McDowell, extensive experience with Patriot Hills operations and logistics. The aim of the group will be to offer support logistics and operations for Mt Vinson climbing groups as well as private expeditions along the general route to the South Pole.

The season should start around mid-November and finish around the end of January. Transportation between Punta Arenas, Chile, and the Patriot Hills camp will be facilitated using a large Ilyushin 76 transport aircraft while “on ice” transportation would be completed with a Twin Otter and a second support aircraft (still to be chosen). Contracts for these aircraft will be in place during the next 2–3 weeks and authority to operate in Antarctica is being sought from the relevant agencies.

A basic camp run by experienced support personnel will be set up at Patriot Hills. All necessary equipment will be purchased and transported to patriot Hills on the first Ilyushin 76 flight.

Many of the expeditions cancelled by Adventure Network International have been in contact with members of our consortium. We are actively discussing the possibilities for their expedition with them. Contact with further groups is welcome.

We can be contacted via Mike Sharp (email [mikesharp@highlat.globalnet.co.uk](mailto:mikesharp@highlat.globalnet.co.uk)), through David Rootes or Nick Lewis (email [polesapart@polesapart.org](mailto:polesapart@polesapart.org)) or through Peter McDowell (email [peterbmcdowell@ozemail.com.au](mailto:peterbmcdowell@ozemail.com.au)).

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Best regards,

Mike McDowell, Peter McDowell,

Mike Sharp, David Rootes and Nick Lewis

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