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TO: MEMBERS, MARION ISLAND EXPEDITION TEAM, 1986/87

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Dear Colleague

PROPOSED LANDING STRIP ON MARION ISLAND : ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Department of Environment Affairs (DEA) has proposed the construction of a landing strip on Marion Island. The reasons given for this are listed in the enclosed INFORMATION SHEET, and details of the proposal itself are given in the enclosed copy of a feasibility study report.

An independant panel of experts serving in their personal capacities, with the CSIR providing them with back-up support services, is conducting an environmental impact assessment (EIA) of this proposal. Further details about this process are also given in the enclosed information sheet.

You are cordially invited to make a submission to the Panel on any aspects of your choice about the proposal. Non-confidential written submissions should reach me before our departure and must be signed and dated by those whose opinion(s) they represent. Feel free to consult with all members of your group on the island during the preparation of written submissions. A meeting to which the whole expedition team is invited will be arranged during the Panel's visit, at which you may make verbal submissions and ask questions if you prefer.

We regret the domestic inconvenience and intrusion our visit may cause, and we thank you in advance for your hospitality, assistance, and cooperation. May the remainder of your stay on Marion Island be happy and successful.

P R Condy
EIA Panel Secretariat

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