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## **November 2010 News**

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Hi All,

Welcome to the ZS8M November 2010 News Letter.

There has been a lot of activity this month on Marion Island; firstly the big move to the new base and secondly all the animal activity.

I haven't been able to be as active as I wished, this mainly due to the move to the new base. Our ship is arriving around 14 November and will depart for Cape Town again around 23 November with the construction team on board. Hold thumbs.....the SteppIR will be installed shortly after their departure.

Attached are numerous pictures of our move, stores, mast, coax cable installations, etc.



We moved 7 tons of frozen and dry rations to the new base.



New rations also arrived and needed to be unpacked in the new stores.



Vincent modified the radio operator's console for me.



Early day of erecting the mast; the pipes are stainless steel and are hit into the earth with this red machine until they 'rest' on rock. The mast has 9 legs and stands about 15m high.



Almost completed. It will have a ladder and a cable tray all the way to the top.

The mast will support four VHF folded dipoles for FM systems, one VHF Air band and one HF broadband dipole.



**Coax cable installation. One of the sealers was attached by a seal.**



**Some of my fluffy friends.**



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