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CERRO KISHTWAR
Preliminary Report

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David Cosford
Andy Perkins
Brendan Murphy
Jeremy Wilson
Duncan Hornby
Kevin Dougherty

Objective - The First Ascent of CERRO KISHTWAR (6220
via two routes on the NW Face.

The expedition arrived at base camp on the NAPTAL glacier on September 14th. Approach was from LEH via ZANSKAR (PADUM) and over the UMASI LA (5300m) in 6 porter stages from ATING. Dave Cosford took a severe fall during the approach and left BC to seek medical treatment on the 17th. Duncan Hornby accompanied him, having contracted Hepatitis. This significantly weakened the exped.

Murphy + Perkins started on their direct line on the NW face on 1st Oct after some load carrying to ABC (4400m) they spent 17 days on the route which consisted of continuously hard mixed + aid climbing. They ran out of food 100m from the top and retreated reaching BC on the 17th Oct.

MACNAE + WILSON attempted a route to the right of the previous line on 1st Oct the line proved unco-operative and retreat was made same day.

Wilson left BC (back to work) on the 2nd Oct.

Macnae + S.S. MANN made a circumnavigation of CERRO KISHTWAR via the MUNI LA + CHOROCHOIR glacier and the Darang Nullah.

The BC was departed on 21st Oct and Delhi reached via KISHTWAR + JAMMU on 25 Oct,

Weather in the region was very poor initially with almost continuous rain & heavy cloud. By the start of October it had improved considerably with some very good days.

The Mountain attracted poor weather. It would often be snowing on the face and sunny in the valley.

The estimated cost of the expedition was £8,200.

Andy Macnae
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NOTE - THE EXPEDITION WAS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF MIREK LASOTA AND STEVE HILLEN