

Women's Ski Trek Reaches Goal

Antarctica, February 8, 10:00 hours Moscow time. "Metelitsa", the women's ski team, reached the southern geomagnetic pole.

The unparalleled Antarctic trek is over. Although the scientific and sports data produced by the team still has to be studied, it is already possible to say that these women, who are the first to have conquered Antarctica, have demonstrated they can work under the extreme conditions which exist on the sixth continent on an equal footing with men.

Valentina Kuznetsova and her comrades feel very well and they are in an excellent mood. The team is now at "Vostok" Station. "Our trek is coming to an end and we're sorry to be leaving Antarctica," wrote the team's chief doctor, Irina Gur'eva, in a radiogram.

The skiers will stay at "Vostok" for three or four days before flying off to "Mirnyi".

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