

Dear Scientist,

**Re: Acceptance of the roles and responsibilities expected of ANDRILL MIS Project Scientists**

As we all prepare to deploy to Antarctica for the drilling and core characterization phase of the ANDRILL McMurdo Ice Shelf (MIS) Project, we are pleased to announce the publication of the MIS *Science Logistics Implementation Plan* (SLIP). A downloadable electronic version of the plan (pdf) is available from [www.andrill.org](http://www.andrill.org). Spiral bound hard copies will be available at Cray lab and the drillsite.

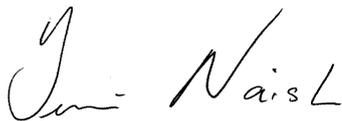
This SLIP is intended as a guide of MIS science, educational and operational activities for participating scientists, as distinct from the *Operations Plan*, which is for the management of drilling operations in Antarctica. It also differs from the *Participation Guide* distributed to you earlier, which is designed to help you with medical clearance, travel arrangements, and US Raytheon, NSF McMurdo Station and Cray Lab procedures and policies. The SLIP has been prepared by the Co-Chief scientists, staff scientist, and discipline team leaders through extensive consultation with the science team, operations team, and curatorial staff. Thus it represents the collective view of the project leadership.

A project such as this is extremely complex, with its combination of national scientific, logistics, management and financial cultures, as well as deal with the challenges of the operating environment. The success of the project will depend largely on the understanding and cooperative spirit that we will all need to take with us to the ice. This plan is designed to help with the understanding. The SLIP is intended to provide a scientific overview of the project, its goals and objectives, as well as outlining management systems, and scientific procedures to be implemented both during drilling and post drilling phases. The plan is not intended to be overly prescriptive, but rather is an implementation guide for achieving the goals and objectives of the MIS Project as outlined in the Scientific Prospectus (Naish et al., 2005).

We ask you to take time to download the SLIP and read it as you prepare for your travel south. It's important you understand the scientific and physical environment you will be operating within and your specific roles and responsibilities as members of the ANDRILL MIS team. Once you have read the SLIP please sign the statement below acknowledging you have read it and that you agree to participate in MIS in the roles outlined therein; please return the signed form to the Science Management Office.

Soon many of us will be together On-Ice and working with those other team members based in home laboratories and institutions. After 5 years of planning and preparation the first ANDRILL drilling project will be underway. We are the pioneers of this new multi-decadal initiative to recover stratigraphic records from the Antarctic continental margin. As Co-Chiefs of the MIS project we are excited about this opportunity to contribute substantial new knowledge of the role of Antarctica in the global system, and look forward to working with this world-class science team on what we are sure will be a successful and highly-rewarding endeavor.

Yours sincerely



*Tim Naish and Ross Powell, MIS Project Co-Chief scientists, 4 October, 2006*

**I have read the SLIP and understand my roles and responsibilities as a member of the MIS team.**

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