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# Crevasses pose major hurdle to Arctic expedition

Dubai-based team on its way to making history against tough odds

Staff Report

**Dubai** The Emirates NBD Greenland Quest team has now traversed Greenland from south to north and is well on its way to being recognised as the longest, unassisted Arctic expedition in history using a mix of kiting and trekking.

However, Adrian Hayes's blog last night on [www.greenlandquest.com](http://www.greenlandquest.com) illustrates why he and his team are a long way from their goal:

"We've had the team falling into ice crevasses, one of the team a second from mayhem kiting right into a monster crevasse and now a real battle against time to travel the 800 kilometres within our remaining food supplies," commented the UAE-based British explorer.

Having only been able to travel 50 kilometres since the expedition reached JP Kocks Fjord — the most northerly point of Greenland — Hayes and his Canadian colleagues Devon McDiarmid and Derek Crowe have a difficult 48 hours ahead.

"Devon went into a slot with his leg 100 metres from



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## Chilly adventure

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camp and, literally as we were about to leave, Derek the same — just 2 metres from our tent! We had this uncanny feeling that the universe, or maybe old JP Kocks himself, was telling us "You've seen this small piece of frozen paradise and witnessed what's happening to it. Thank you, now it's time to leave..."

Hayes and his colleagues now have to reconsider their strategy because they still

have roughly 800 kilometres left and food for only 16 more days.

Given that The Emirates NBD Greenland Quest is in partnership with leading UK entrepreneurial charity BioRegional / One Planet Living, the irony is not lost on Hayes: "The rest of the planet faces some tough decisions in terms of the strategy on energy and resources. So do we now. I hope that we both make the right ones."