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Dear Bruce,

Just a short letter to let you know how the Opentec *Openfire RPC13* laptop computer performed during my recent successful expedition to climb Mt Makalu in the Himalayas.

In short it was excellent. It performed faultlessly throughout the expedition and no matter what the temperature, it started and operated without a problem every time.

It was exposed to very rough travel, having first to fly by light aircraft to a remote mountain airstrip, then a helicopter to near the mountain and finally in a kitbag on the back of porters to an altitude of 4700 metres.

Once in basecamp, I used the laptop almost daily to download photos and work on the expedition plan and diary, in temperatures that climbed to +15 degrees Celsius and at night dropped to -20 deg Celsius. The in-built heater ensured that the *Openfire RPC13* started quickly and ran without any mishaps, every time.

Thanks very much for your support of this successful expedition, the 13th summit in my quest to be the first Australian to climb all fourteen of the world's 8000 metre mountains. The Opentec *Openfire RPC13* laptop made organising and running the expedition a lot easier. I look forward to using another Opentec laptop next year on my return to high altitude.

Regards

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