

DIRK AT WORK

Sorry about not getting in contact sooner. There's very little change here, we're all in 'Winter' mode, getting some very strange temperatures (we had the coldest May day ever recorded a few weeks ago ...). Ajak is still in Melbourne. We see each other quite regularly because Hobart to Melbourne is very cheap flying (so far). The long term plan is for me to be able to work from Melbourne since most of what I do is on the computer, meaning it can be done on-line.

Our company is in the business of designing a Portable Retinal Camera for production. My current task involves a lot of CAD (Computer Aided Design) - which is a sophisticated technical drawing software package - so me together with the mechanical engineer design the components and I put all the 3D solids information in the computer - so all we need to do for manufacture is send up these files. This stage of the job requires me to be there physically in order to take measurements etc.

The company is still in its early shoes - in fact, I've now become a share holder (not a board member) of the company - a fair amount of my salary is converted to equity in order for us to keep on going. But the 4 of us think this is a worthwhile project which prompts us to hang in there.

Contacted Ludo just a while ago to make sure he wasn't rummaging around the rubble somewhere caused by that terrible earthquake - but he was fine, he didn't even hear much about it over there (we possibly get more information here than they do there). Have a good holiday in Germany - all the best to you, Simonne and relatives . *Dirk 30/5/2008*