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## Successful safety exercise in Rúnavík

Oil and safety are closely entwined, and this is a well known fact within the international oil industry. As the exploration for hydrocarbons is taking place in the Faroes, this is also a fact the Faroes acknowledge. In connection with the current Statoil exploration well drilling, several exercises have been held. The oil industry supply base in Rúnavík has acknowledged this fact and is following this development in order to meet the stringent demands set by the oil industry in all other countries. Last Saturday Atlantic Supply Base, together with the Fire Brigade in the area, organised a safety exercise. The CEO for Atlantic Supply Base, Mr Eli Lassen says the exercise went very well. He points out that it is very important the Faroes learn to recognise and acknowledge such exercises, now a possible oil industry may be knocking on the door here. The exercise event last Saturday dealt with an incident whereby a container loaded with dangerous substances had toppled over on to a man, trapping both his legs. As mentioned the exercise was executed completely according to the guidelines governing such an incident. The supply base at Rúnavík plays an important role in the attempts to discovery hydrocarbons in the Faroes. It forms the hub for the majority of the operations performed and according to the Faroe legislation all material used onboard a drilling platform must pass over a Faroe quayside or through a Faroe airport, before going out to the platform and vice versa. Approximately 15 people are attached to the supply base while the drilling operation is on-going. This years drilling operation is estimated to last for app. four months.