

ST. HELENA AIRPORT PROJECT – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

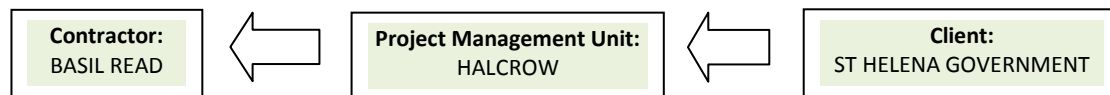
A contract to Design, Build and Operate an airport for St Helena was signed on the 3rd November last year. Basil Read the successful contractor arrived on Island soon after and the early works are now well under way.

DFID and the SHG seek to achieve the highest possible standards of environmental management throughout the construction and operation phases of the project.

In 2005 an extensive **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**, based on the reference designs, was undertaken by a team from Faber Maunsell (now part of AECOM). The EIA established a baseline of all relevant environmental issues, identified the impacts of the project on these issues and recommended mitigation measures to lessen or avoid the negative impacts and enhance the positive ones.

An **Environmental Management Plan (EMP)** was also produced to set out how the mitigation measures identified in the EIA can be taken forward. The EMP also forms part of the contractual requirements of the project which means that all parties are obligated to comply and or ensure compliance.

We have three key parties involved in the delivery of the airport project, **Basil Read** – the Contractor, **Halcrow** - the Project Management Unit and the **St Helena Government** – the Client. To facilitate and ensure environmental considerations throughout project works we have environmental officers within all three parties.



Annina Van Neel - Contractor's Environmental Control Officer (CECO)

Key Role:

On site the CECO is seen as a bit like a police officer, making sure workers are following the environment rules and all environment matters are seen to. The CECO is also responsible for implementing mitigation measures.

Annina describes herself as being a teacher and a learner working with those on site to understand how they work and advising them on environmental best practice.



Robert Kleinjan - Environmental Monitor for the Project Management Unit (PMU)

Key Role:

The Environmental Monitor makes regular site visits, ensuring independently that the correct mitigation measures are implemented and environmental best practice is followed.

The Environmental Monitor is also the main point of contact for the community and NGO's on environmental matters relating to the airport project.

The **SHG environmental lead** for the Airport Project is **Isabel Peters, Environmental Co-ordinator**. Isabel's role is to co-ordinate and or deliver on all SHG inputs of the EMP and to maintain a close working relationship with the CECO and PMU's EM.

The current operational version of the EMP is dated February 2011, and as we are now in the design and construction phase of the project, this has been translated into the **Contractor's Environmental Management Plans (CEMP)**.

The EMP is a bird's eye view of the whole project. The CEMP zooms into site specific areas or work programmes be it temporary or permanent.

CEMPs are approved by the PMU in consultation with SHG. Basil Read uses the CEMP as a guide to work on the ground. The CEMP also informs the method statement.

If anyone has any concerns on the environmental impacts of the airport project do contact Robert on Tel: 4258 or at the PMU Office at Longwood.