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The proposal for Rupert's Wharf is open for public consultation until **15 November 2013**.

Consultation meetings have been held around the Island and at each meeting an explanation of the planning process and background on the proposal for Rupert's Wharf was explained by SHG Deputy Airport Director, Clare Harris, and a technical presentation on the proposed design was given by PMU Deputy Resident Engineer, Miles Leask.

The final consultation meeting will be held this evening (7 Nov) in Jamestown at the AVEC Lecture Room at 7.30pm (see overleaf for transport provision).

Adam Williams Speaks about Vessel Manoeuvrability Studies

29 - 30 October 2013 @ SAMTRA Marine Vessel Simulation Suites, Simonstown, South Africa.

"Two days were spent at SAMTRA simulators looking at Approach, Berthing and Sailing missions done with various vessel manoeuvrability characteristics-particularly in wind/swell conditions as anticipated through data previously obtained from Rupert's Bay.

"The main purpose of these simulations was to determine the type/manoeuvring characteristics of vessels which would be favoured and the conditions at which they would be able to safely operate. Effectively this will determine the operational limits of the port and the ships which use it.

"On a personal level I found the two days in the simulator intensive, very interesting and informative. Getting the opportunity to navigate ships (albeit virtual ships), in and out of Rupert's Harbour was an incredible experience. Given the harbour has not even been built, this was an exciting and challenging exercise.

"John Burns of PRDW (Consulting Engineers) and myself took it in turns to berth or sail the vessels. The information and data obtained from these simulations was then logged to generate future reference documents for the port and its operators.

"Many thanks to the Airport Project for giving me the opportunity to play a small role in this exercise and also to John Burns of PRDW for his time, assistance and patience."

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Rupert's Wharf

Questions and Answers

Q. Will there still be access to the beach area during construction and after the wharf is developed?

A. The revised design will free the beach area from construction as works will not be carried out directly on this area. Restrictions to access may apply during certain periods of construction and also when there is a vessel in port.

Q. How will passengers and offloading cargo be managed?

A. It is expected that passengers will continued to disembark at Jamestown Wharf. In the event of rough seas in Jamestown the proposed wharf will provide a sheltered landing for the tenders to use, this is not foreseen as a regular event and will be coordinated with cargo arrangements should a cargo vessel be in at the same time.

Q. How is Rupert's Wharf being funded and what does this funding include?

A.The project will be jointly funded from the European Development Fund and the Airport Project. The funding includes provision for the wharf structure, sea rescue facility and the fuel pipeline.

Q. What size vessels will be able to dock at Rupert's Wharf?

A. The wharf will accommodate vessels to the length of 105m (the same length as the RMS). However the draft of these vessels will be shallower, at 5.5m. The Shipping Study that was undertaken identified vessels operating on the West Coast of Africa that would be able to meet the Island's needs. With vessels being able to dock alongside the wharf they will not need to have cranes onboard.

Q. Will the bridge at Rupert's be wide enough and will it support the higher volumes of heavier traffic?

A. Some widening works may need to be undertaken, but the bridge should be able to support the expected traffic activity.

Q. How high will the Quay be?

A. The quay wall will be +3m above lowest tide and -7m below water, meaning the quay wall will be 10m high. It will have a width of about 13m so that it is wide enough for the existing cranes which it is planned will be relocated from Jamestown.

Q. Where will all the supporting infrastructure, such as the container park, customs etc be located?

A. SHG is currently preparing a Rupert's Development Plan which will address wider Rupert's development.

Q. How will sewerage be managed at Rupert's Bay?

A. The construction of the Wharf will cause a change in the flow of water within the bay. This means that any effluent in the water will no longer be washed onto the beach area but will be washed outwards. The shore side area of the wharf will be calmer but there should still be sufficient movement for the area to be fully flushed.

Rupert's Wharf Development Public Consultation

The proposal for Rupert's Wharf is open for public consultation until 15 November 2013. The full proposal is available on CD from the Air Access Office or online at <u>www.sainthelenaaccess.com/news</u> . Printed copies are also available at the Public Library , the Access Office, Tourist Office and ANRD	Public Consultation Meeting Transport Pick up Times Venue AVEC Lecture Room, Jamestown Date & Time 7 November 2013 7:30pm	
 Reception, Scotland. We look forward to your feedback and comments on the proposal. If you should have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Access Office. We would like to thank everyone who has attended meetings and provided comments to date. Formal comments on the proposal should be submitted to: Karen Isaac, Secretary, Land Development Control Authority, Essex House, Jamestown Tel: 22270 Email: <u>karen-isaac@enrd.gov.sh</u> 	Bus Times	 6. 45pm Blue Hill Community Centre 6. 55pm Head O Wain 7. 10pm Rosemary Plain 7. 15pm New Ground and onto Jamestown 6. 45pm Green Hill 6. 55pm Sandy Bay Chapel 7. 00pm Sandy Bay Community Centre through to Jamestown. 6. 40pm starting at Levelwood Kingdom Hall 6. 40pm starting at Deadwood proceeding to Bottom Woods, Alarm Forest, Two Gun Saddle, Gordon's Post and onto AVEC Centre, Jamestown.