

Airport Buildings

Combined Building - August 2013



The structure of the Combined Building has been completed, and the Control Tower has now taken its final form with the installation of the cladding and windows. The brickwork is also complete and plastering is in progress. The installation of the services has started and erection of the roof is scheduled to commence from 6 October 2014.

The Terminal Building is also progressing well with the structure complete up to the first floor. The structure is currently 70 % complete and the roof receiving beams are due to be completed by the end of September 2014. Brickwork to the ground floor of the building is ongoing, and the installation of electrical, mechanical and plumbing works will start shortly .



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Basil Read Staff Achievement

Basil Read would like to acknowledge the achievement of Blasting, Mining and Excavation (BME) employee, Darren Yon, who recently became a certified High Energy Fuel (HEF) Truck Operator. Darren, who has been working in the BME section for the last 2 years, would like to express sincere thanks to his on-Island trainer, Johannes Crafford.

Darren commented:

"I am really grateful to Johannes for all he has taught me. My training was specialised and involved mathematics, calibration and charging knowledge and techniques. I am the only person within the section with this certification and was really pleased when a BME specialist from Namibia came to the Island to conduct the assessment and passed me as a certified HEF Truck Operator.

"This certified job involves a great deal of responsibility as it involves charging the blasting grid to the blaster's requirements before handing the completed charged grid back to him. I would like to once again thank all who made my achievement possible."

Darren Yon



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Dry Gut Public Open Days



On Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 September 2014, the public was able to attend Open Days at Dry Gut, Prosperous Bay Plain. One of the crucial elements of the Airport project - the Dry Gut fill - is now completed and the community was invited to view the tremendous progress, seen by peering over the edge and looking at the segmented sections. From 10am to 2pm on both days the public had options of socialising over refreshments and purchasing Basil Read souvenirs to mark the occasion. Visitors were also able to view a project progress to get a sense of 'then' and 'now'. Those who chose not to walk to the viewing points were offered shuttle bus tours around the Dry Gut fill, Airport Runway and Airport Buildings.

450,000 truckloads of material were used to fill Dry Gut.



Last Production load being placed in Dry Gut

Executive Council has agreed that the airport should be named *St Helena Airport*. The name is welcomed by DfID and strongly supported by aviation industry experts as it has instant recognition for passengers. It will allow potential visitors to easily access information about the Airport, flight bookings and the Island.

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Dry Gut Public Open Days

Carolyn Greentree's first visit to the site was on Sunday 28 September, she said: "This has exceeded my expectations. I can't believe how much work went into this project and our future. It is amazing and not even completed yet, it is a real eye-opener and I haven't regretted coming here today."



Carolyn Greentree and her family



Sandra Sim

Sandra Sim's last visit to Prosperous Bay Plain was 18 months ago, she said of the progress: "Brilliant, a lot of hard work has went into this and I am looking forward to being on the flight in 2016."

Tony Green a visitor to the site said: "The last time I visited was 9 months ago, and the work that has gone on since then has been incredible, particularly in how it has been done by filling in with truck loads. I never anticipated in my lifetime we would have an Airport - but look at where we are now."



Tony Green and his family



Dry Gut Fill

672 people took advantage of the shuttle bus service



Visitors entering the Airport Building

Many people took their 4X4s, while others took advantage of the bus service from Bradleys.



Visitors enjoying food on sale

Approximately 1,606 people attended the Open Days.



Visitors enroute from Airport Buildings to Dry Gut

The filling of Dry Gut now provides sufficient length for the runway – an extra 400m, of which 200m will be paved. The other 200m will be unpaved for the end safety area.



One of the youngest visitors to the Airport Site



Basil Read Souvenirs for sale



4X4s parked at Dry Gut - a total of 223 entered the site



A family photo in front of the Basil Read ADTs