

## Welcome to Project Manager (Certification and Operations)



On 1 December 2014, James Kellett joined the Airport Project as Project Manager (Certification and Operations). Based within the Access Office, James will be working closely with Basil Read, the Project Management Unit, SHG Directorates and DFID to prepare for certification and the operations phase of the Airport. James' primary role will be to co-ordinate certification and operational readiness activities within the Access Office and across SHG. At present, planning and preparation is underway for flight trials to take place in July 2015. Following the flight trials, James will be part of the team preparing for formal assessment by Air Safety Support International (ASSI) in November 2015. St Helena Airport will be assessed to ensure compliance with international flight safety and aerodrome standards, both prior to the opening of the Airport and on an ongoing basis thereafter. There is much work to be done ahead of November 2015 to attain Certification.

James brings with him considerable project management experience, having managed projects and teams relating to IT and Information Security in the UK, before coming to St Helena with his wife in October 2013. He also has a life-long interest in aviation, having lived close to and regularly visited a number of commercial and military airfields in the south of England.

## Visit by Landscape Architect

Landscape Architect Ruth Mauritzen visited St Helena from 25 November to 10 December 2014. Ruth works for AECOM, a large international company and a subcontractor in the Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Programme (LEMP) for the Airport Project. The main purpose of Ruth's visit was to start the process to develop detailed landscaping design. The process involved site walkovers through the Airport Development Area (ADA) all the way from the Airport to Rupert's Wharf, encompassing very varied landscape areas. Ruth is currently finalising drawings which will then come back to the Island for further comments and consultation early in 2015.

Ross Towers, LEMP Project Manager, commented on the importance of her visit:

*"Just like you wouldn't build an Airport without detailed plans, it is just as important to have plans to ensure our environmental mitigation requirements are fulfilled."*



## Farewell to Emergency Planning Manager



We will shortly be saying farewell to Alistair Smith, Emergency Planning Manager. Alistair has spent the last six months on-Island where he has been responsible for developing a Major Incident Plan (MIP) for St Helena. The MIP sets out the basic steps to be taken and procedures to be followed in the event of a major incident, whether it be, for example, a maritime incident, a rock fall or any other potential disaster. This work is closely linked to the Airport Project as we also need to consider how we would manage an aviation incident in the worst case scenario that one occurs.

Alistair has been a valued member of the Emergency Planning Working Group and has provided considerable support to the Access Office. He will be sorely missed.

Further Information will follow shortly on a Major Incident Exercise.



## - Site Shutdown - Photo Highlights - Looking Ahead - Christmas Greetings



### Site Shutdown



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The public is advised that Basil Read will close for the annual shutdown on **Saturday 20 December 2014 at 12pm, and re open on Monday 5 January 2015**. There will be some limited construction activity over the holiday period, and the public is therefore reminded that the Airport sites - including the works in Rupert's, the Access Road and Prosperous Bay Plain - remain closed in the interests of public safety.

The Longwood Office can be contacted during the shutdown on 24026.

### Update on Sea Rescue Service

Whilst in Cape Town, Trevor Botting (St Helena Chief of Police) met with Johann Doms and Graham Temlett from Basil Read, and representatives from Gemini, the company constructing the two Rigid

Inflatable Boats (RIBs) for the Airport Project. Trevor was able to view the RIBs at the current stage of construction and to discussing needs and other requirements for Airport Certification. The RIBs are due to be delivered to St Helena in mid 2015 to coincide with completion of the sea rescue facility at Rupert's.



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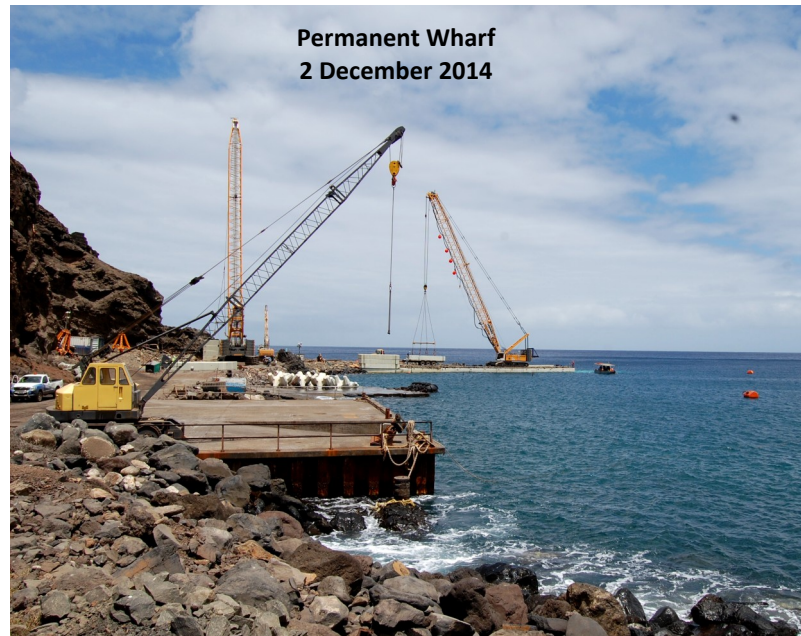
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## Photo Highlights from 2014

2014 has seen plenty of work taking place for the construction of Rupert's Wharf. Precast concrete hollow blocks have been placed to form the Quay wall that the ships will moor up against. On the seaward side of the blocks, core and under layer rock is also being positioned. These will be protected with precast CORE-LOC armour units.



**Permanent Wharf**  
2 December 2014

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**Apron, Taxiway and Runway**  
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Concreting on Airport Apron now 80% complete



**Airport Terminal**  
29 November 2014

Progress at Prosperous Bay Plain on the Terminal Building wing canopy and brickwork.



**Combined Building waiting installation of services (29 November)**

The Airport Access Road linking Rupert's to Prosperous Bay Plain is now more than 50% complete



**Bulk Fuel Installation**  
2 December 2014

At the Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI) preparations are being made for the installation of piping and the fire-ring system.

The Budgetary Aid Mission Team (BAM) visits Airport Site, 11 November 2014.



**Airport Access Road, 29 November 2014**  
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## Looking ahead to 2015

### Key Dates

#### March 2015

Expected date for completion of the Combined Building

#### June 2015

Expected date for completion of: Terminal Building, Apron, Taxiway and Runway

#### July 2015

Fuel Management Contractor (FMC) fully mobilised

#### July 2015

Flight Trials

#### August 2015

Expected date for completion of the Airport Access Road

#### September 2015

Expected date for completion of the Permanent Wharf

#### November 2015

Assessments by Air Safety Support International (ASSI)