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St Helena Airport

Update on Airport Certification

The first phase of the audits for certification of St Helena Airport took place during the week of 2 November 2015. A remote audit was conducted by the regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI), in the form of a desktop exercise to assess compliance with safety aspects of the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirements (OTARs). Alongside this, Principal Inspector of Rescue & Firefighting at the UK Civil Aviation Authority, Owen Healey, visited the Island to audit the Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting Services and to verify all aspects of emergency planning. Thanks are extended to all participants in the emergency exercises which were a critical part of the audit. Following an intense and challenging round of audits, feedback has now been received from ASSI. As expected, there are corrective actions to be taken prior to the next round of audits for Airport Certification in January 2016. SHG welcomes the constructive feedback from ASSI and is hard at work addressing the issues arising - to prepare for the second phase of audits. The next phase in January 2016 will focus on quality management, safety, security and air traffic control systems.

Major Incident Exercise at Airport Site - 4 November 2015



Fuel Management Contract Update

Fuel Management Contracts Manager, Michael Burke, is visiting the Island from 21 to 29 November 2015. Michael has recently succeeded Philip Bloomfield as FM Contracts Manager for Penspen Ltd. Michael is professionally qualified in construction, electronic and electrical engineering and has a wealth of experience in Projects and Facility Management. During Michael's stay on-Island he will hold meetings with the Air Access Office, Basil Read, PMU, Solomon & Company and SHG, as well as make various site visits. Michael is joined on his visit by Denis Rainbow from Flightline Support Services who will be carrying out vehicle commissioning and function testing of the recently arrived fleet of road tankers.



Michael Burke

Road Tankers Take Up New Residence at St Helena Airport

On 18 November 2015 the two aircraft refuelling vehicles were moved from temporary storage in Rupert's Valley to St Helena Airport. This was in preparation for Flightline Support Services' visit to the Island to carry out commissioning from 21-29 November 2015. The remaining three tankers will be moved from Rupert's during this commissioning phase. The move gave Solomon's staff the chance to drive the new road tankers along the Access Road for the first time, accompanied by the Basil Read Health & Safety team.



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St Helena Airport Progress & Planned Works

New Position of Localiser (18 November 2015)



Navigational Aids

As per the recommendations arising from the calibration flights performed during September 2015, the DVOR and Localiser navigational aids are in the process of being relocated. The relocation and commissioning work is planned to be completed by Saturday 28 November 2015. Plans will be confirmed shortly for a second calibration flight.

DVOR Being Assembled at New Site (18 November 2015)



Terminal Building

The construction of the Terminal Building is on track to be completed by 24 February 2016. The current focus is on completing the shop fronts, glazing, ceilings, flooring and other finishings.

Shaping and all related concrete works in and around the precinct of the Terminal and Combined building are also well underway.

Terminal Building (18 November 2015)



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Parking Area (18 November 2015)



Airport Parking Area

Priming of the parking area has been completed and surfacing of this and the precinct area has now commenced. The final surfacing and completion of the kerbs, lighting and road markings will be completed by the end of January 2016.

Access Road

Construction of the base will commence during December 2015, which will be followed by the final surfacing with a Cape Seal. The Access Road between the Airport and Reggie's Take Away at Bottom Woods is planned to be completed by 24 February 2016. The final surface will only be applied to other sections of road when it is no longer necessary to make heavy vehicle movements. This is particularly the case in Rupert's where the Wharf and Permanent BFI construction will continue until mid-2016.

Airport Fencing

The fencing of the Airport perimeter has been completed. The focus now is on completing the Restricted Zone fencing by December to ensure the separation of Landside from Airside to comply with security requirements.

Fire and Fresh Water Supply

Erection of the Fire Water Storage Tank, Pump House and piping to the Airport Precinct for the firewater supply is in progress and is planned to be completed by the end of December 2015.

The construction of the fresh water storage tank and associated pipelines for supply to the Airport will also be completed by end-December 2015.

Permanent Wharf

Progress is being made on the construction of the Wharf, with a planned completion date of May 2016.

1026 Core-Loc units have so far been placed, out of 1488, and placement and casting of the crown wall is complete.

The next phase, due to start shortly, is the placement of pre-cast coping panels and in-situ concrete slabs, working from the end of the Wharf backwards to the Landside.



Rupert's Wharf (17 November 2015)

Wirebird Warning Signs

We unfortunately have to report that a dead Wirebird chick was found on the Access Road near the Millennium Forest on Sunday 15 November 2015. This is the second Wirebird killed in an incident involving a moving vehicle in the last month.

Wirebird warning signs (see opposite) have been installed advising drivers that they are travelling through an area where Wirebirds are common. This is particularly relevant at the moment as we are in the main breeding season for these protected endemic birds. The breeding season runs from October through to March. As a result there will be an increased number of young birds around, many of whom will be unable to move out of the way of a fast-moving vehicle in time. Drivers are reminded of the importance of keeping within road speed limits. We therefore ask that everyone reduces their speed when seeing these signs and thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

The endemic Wirebird is unique to St Helena, and over the last 15 years, the average count on St Helena (and consequently in the world) is just 368 birds. They are an integral part of St Helena's natural heritage and a protected species.



The public is also reminded that the wider Horse Point area is a significant nesting location for Wirebirds and that any vehicles, including quads and motorcycles, should be driven on the established track, and not off-road. This is for the protection of St Helena's endemic natural heritage.

Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order - Reminder

2013 No. 2870

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013

Made	- - - -	6th November 2013
Laid before Parliament	- - - -	13th November 2013
Coming into force	- - - -	1st January 2014

Although the Airport has yet to open, the provisions of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order apply to St Helena. This UK legislation covers many aspects of aviation and aerial activity over the Island. It applies to anyone wishing to fly in St Helena, whether that be using a manned or unmanned aircraft.

There are a number of provisions (known as "Articles") in the Order that apply to the operations of the Airport and to pilots who will be using it. But there are also a

number of Articles that apply to members of the public who wish to use St Helenian Airspace - these include restrictions in the use of unmanned aircraft, also known as drones, SUAs and SUSAs. These are usually small, remotely controlled aircraft that can sometimes be fitted with a camera.



In September 2015, Articles relevant to the public were covered in a press release and published on the SHG website. In particular, users of SUAs were reminded that even though the Airport is not operational, the use of SUAs is still regulated and that aerial photography is only allowed when permitted by the UK-based regulator (Air Safety Support International - ASSI).

If you are using an SUA fitted with a camera or other recording device and using the images on a commercial basis (whether selling your images to someone else or using them in your own enterprise), you must first contact ASSI to gain permission to do so.

Remember, you must use your SUA safely, responsibly and lawfully.

For further information and advice, please contact the Air Access Team on 22494 or go to <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/aviation-legislation-on-st-helena/>



ST. HELENA

(Chapter No. not allocated yet)

IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE

Non-authoritative Consolidated Text

Other Legislation

Turning to local legislation, changes to existing Ordinances and Regulations are currently being finalised to cater for aviation activities in St Helena.

Most of the changes are very minor and involve updating existing laws relating to immigration, customs, land planning and development control, and so on. New legislation such as the Aviation Ordinance and the Environmental Protection Ordinance already cater for aircraft and the Airport, but a number of existing Ordinances and Regulations do need to be updated.

Further information on the proposed legal changes will be published in January 2016 so that members of the public will have a chance to comment on them. Watch this space...