



Access Track for Haul Road



Basil Read is continuing work on the access track; there is now a noticeable track coming down Rupert's Hill (pictured above) and work has also taken place in upper Ruperts to work on the section of track heading up the hill. Approximately 12½km of the 14km access track has been completed so far.

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Works in Ruperts

A 27 tonne drill rig arrived on island on 1st June, which will be used for exploratory water drilling in various areas on the island. Basil Read drilled a 30 metre borehole in Ruperts Valley, past the Quarantine Station last week. Water was found at a depth of 20 metres, however the borehole will now need to be secured with casing as it has started to collapse. Basil Read is in the process of drilling a second borehole in Ruperts Valley nearer to the Quarantine Station.



Drill Rig



Temporary Fuel Storage

Three temporary fuel storage tanks located near St Michaels Church are almost completed and a water tank (left hand corner of the above picture) for fire fighting purposes is also being erected.

Basil Read has also completed clearing and grubbing for the Permanent Bulk Fuel Installation, which will be located in upper Ruperts, in the area beyond the Quarantine Station.

Behind the scenes a great deal of work is taking place to finalise design elements for the works due to commence over the next few months. We have recently been joined by Dawid Breed, Basil Read's on-island Designer. Part of Dawids role will be to liaise closely with the designers based in Jo'Burg in order to finalise designs.

We've included a few more Job Profiles overleaf this week, focusing on some of the Managers in Basil Read/PMU.

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• Job Profiles



Name: Deon Robbertse
Job Title: Production Manager – Earthworks
Employer: Basil Read Pty (Ltd)
Start Date of employment on St Helena: 12 March 2012

Job Role: Responsible for the day to day and long term planning of all Earth Works Teams. At the moment there is only one team but with the arrival of the machinery there will be around five to six Teams. Planning is very important as it allows me to know what work needs to be done and to see that the work is being done on time with the programme and on budget. At the moment we are planning for the arrival of the big Plant but we have also started work on the Haul Road as it is important to keep the Teams busy.

Significance of role in taking the airport project forward: With a project of this size there needs to be liaison partner between the Director and the guys on the ground. I am that link and can therefore guide and advise in advance to make sure that everything runs smoothly on the production side to ensure that the work gets done.

Main challenges over the next four years: The main challenge would have to be the logistics and ensuring that we get our machinery and materials here on time. Careful planning is important as we only have the RMS and our ship to depend on, so we need to be buying and sourcing materials two months ahead. The weather might also pose a small problem.

Previous Work History: I joined Basil Read in 2004/5 from another Construction Company in South Africa. I have experience in other road type jobs. Also worked on the Gauteng highway improvement project and spend the last 2 years on a road job in Namibia.

Thoughts about the airport project and the Island: The airport will be a positive impact on the Island. Before I came here I read about St Helena on the internet but there are no words that can actually describe the Island when you actually see it for yourself. It must be shown to more and more people and the only way to do that is to make it easier for people to come here, and spend more time. The airport will allow for tourists to come and spend a weekend or a week which currently is not available.



Name: Miles Leask
Job Title: Deputy Resident Engineer
Employer: Halcrow
Start Date of employment on St Helena: 26th February 2012

Job Role: Halcrow has been appointed by DFID to provide the Project Management Unit (PMU) for the airport project

Significance of role in taking the airport project forward: The PMU has a number of roles in ensuring that the airport project is delivered successfully. Halcrow has been appointed as the Engineer under the Contract, and the PMU is also responsible for reviewing Basil Read's designs and monitoring their progress. I am involved in all these aspects of the project as well as deputising when necessary for the PMU Manager, Andreas Huber. The PMU also has important responsibilities relating to the environment and health & safety.

Main challenges over the next four years: The project involves a number of elements which are different to simply building an airport – including the road from Rupert's, filling of Dry Gut and the new BFI. The fact of where the project is located is not easy to overcome, therefore I see that the main challenges are associated with the logistics of making sure that all the equipment and materials are here when they are needed.

Previous Work History: I am a chartered civil engineer and have worked for Halcrow for over 14½ years. The first 11 years were spent working in the United Arab Emirates on a variety of infrastructure, airport and maritime projects around the region. I then moved to St Helena in September 2008 in anticipation of the award of the airport contract, but had to leave again in 2009 after the "pause". In between then and returning to the island in February of this year, I worked in the UK on a number of civil (London Gatwick and Leeds Bradford Airports) and military (RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall) airport projects.

Thoughts about the airport project and the Island: St Helena is a fantastic place, which is why my family and I were so keen to return after our first aborted attempt to work on this project. The airport project is the biggest thing that has happened to the island in a long time and will have a huge impact on people's lives – hopefully for the better. Unfortunately we won't get to see if this is the case as when the airport is complete it will be time for us to leave again.



Name: Gideon Niemand
Job Title: Production Manager – Concrete
Employer: Basil Read Pty (Ltd)
Start Date of Employment on St Helena: 21st February 2012

Job Role: My job is to manage and plan all Concrete Teams on site. At the moment we have two teams but we will eventually have five at the peak and then two to three teams towards the end of the contract.

Significance of role in taking the airport project forward: My work is important because if its not completed then Deon, as the Production Manager for Earthworks, cannot do his. I must ensure that all concrete works are finished on time and that planning fits in with Deon's programme.

Main challenges over the next four years: The logistical part of the project will be the most difficult part of all. Concrete is such a big demand in the project and because we can only import a certain tonnage and it has a limited shelf life it makes it difficult to plan, so we are planning three to four months in advance but we must be very accurate.

Previous Work History: I started with Basil Read in 2005 working on small contracts in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. I then moved onto the asphalt side of the company in Jo Burg. One of the biggest projects I have worked on is the Gauteng Highway Improvement Project. The airport project is big in relation to other projects I have been involved in, the work is similar but on a much larger scale.

Thoughts about the airport project and the Island: The Island is one of the most amazing places I have been too, very unique and as many people as possible should get a chance to see it. I don't believe that a week is long enough for tourists to appreciate the full beauty and diversity of St Helena. The airport will be a positive step forward for the Island and will allow quicker access and longer time for people to spend on the Island.