



NP Glory 4



The NP Glory 4 made two successful visits to St Helena in July 2012 bringing plant, equipment, materials and fuel for the Airport Project. She is now settling into a 22-day round trip schedule between Ruperts Bay and Walvis Bay. At the time of publication, the next call of the NP Glory 4 is expected on 20 August 2012. Whenever the ship is in port in Ruperts Bay it will be necessary for safety reasons to close Lower Ruperts to the public from the junction near St Michaels Church. Ruperts' residents and businesses, and emergency vehicles will still be permitted access to lower Ruperts.

Fuel will not be discharged during the next call of the NP Glory 4, so we are therefore able to make arrangements to allow members of the public to view the operations from the Beach area. Further details on this will be provided via Radio.

Access Track



Work is progressing on the Access Track on Ruperts Hill, Basil Read are using the 70 tonne excavator which arrived on the 1st call of NP Glory 4, to excavate the track (pictured above). It is anticipated that the track will be completed by early September. All plant will then be transported to Prosperous Bay Plain via this access track

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Bradley's Camp



Work is continuing at Bradley's Camp. The camp is designed to accommodate approximately 100 people. It is expected that Basil Read will need to accommodate 30 expatriate general workers in early September. The pace is therefore on to ensure that sufficient accommodation units, the kitchen, laundry and bathrooms will be ready to cater for the 30 workers upon their arrival. Work is concentrating on the external and internal walls, roofing the buildings, windows, doors, plumbing, electrical, and drainage. The remaining accommodation units will be complete by end September.

Works on Prosperous Bay Plain



We expect that at peak construction, the project will require 2,500m³ of water per day. The Airport Project therefore needs to develop its own water supply to meet this requirement. Over the last couple of months 17 boreholes were drilled in various locations within the Airport Development Area and water found to be in 14, including the boreholes at Dry Gut and PBP. Basil Read are currently testing the yields from the boreholes to determine the amount of water available and we are also assessing the environmental considerations around each borehole, as required under the project's Environmental Management Plan (EMP). We hope that the boreholes will be able to provide the majority of this requirement but we are also considering the use of desalination should this not be possible.

Basil Read has also started preparing an area on PBP (known as Area X) for the crusher, batch plant, explosive storage, and fuel tank. In addition a 500m³ water reservoir has been established, the water in this reservoir originates from one of the boreholes drilled on PBP. A track into Dry Gut is also underway in preparation for the works starting there.

