Airport Site

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Basil Read continues earthworks on Prosperous Bay Plain at the Airport Terminal site and the Apron area, (pictured above), filling Dry Gut, bringing the haul road to the final alignment of the permanent road from Ruperts to the Airport site, and constructing the tanks for the new Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI).

Basil Read is currently working 24 hours a day, 6 days a week from Monday - Saturday and are excavating approximately 17 500m³ (compacted volume) per 24 hour shift.

Airport Certification

Now that construction is well underway, attention is also being given to airport certification. There are a number of aspects to certification, for example, we previously reported on steps being taken to manage the Bird Strike risk under the Solid Waste Management Project.

We have now started work on the Disaster Management aspect for certification. Kevin Hornett and Bennie Vorster arrived on island earlier this month. Kevin is St Helena Government's Disaster Management Executive and will be focusing on the island's Disaster Management Plan, including ensuring that the island is ready for air access. Bennie is Lanseria's (Airport Operator) Disaster Management Advisor and will be responsible for preparing the Rescue and Fire Fighting Services Report for the Airport.

More will follow on airport certification in future updates.

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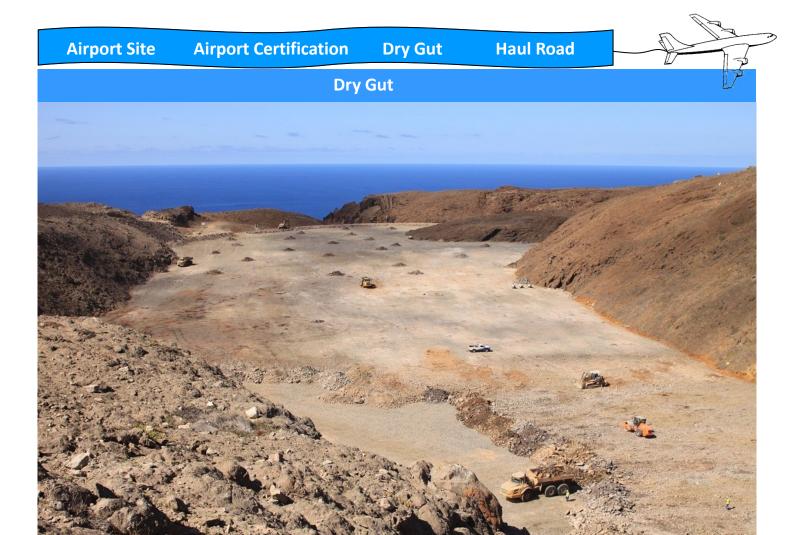
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The estimated volume of rock-fill in Dry Gut is now 1,320,000m³ which is approximately 17% of the 8,000,000m³ required.

Visitors on Site

Members of the public have shown a great deal of interest in the project works that are taking place on the island. Julie George was appointed Basil Read's Community Liaison Officer from the beginning of March 2013. Julie's responsibilities include organising tours on certain Sunday morning and to date Julie estimates that approximately 400 people have visited the site on the organised tours.

The tours are only arranged when construction works and weather permit as Prosperous Bay Plain is a working construction area. The tours use the Basil Read buses. No private vehicles are permitted access to Prosperous Bay Plain.

Access to Prosperous Bay Plain is only permitted as part of the organised tours. The associated airport sites, including the Haul Road and the new Bulk Fuel Installation, remain closed to the public in the interest of Health & Safety.

Haul Road



Basil Read will start works on the section of the Haul Road through the Deadwood area this month. Currently there are high and low voltage electricity poles positioned within the planned route for the Haul Road. The first step will be to reposition the electricity poles and this will take place over the coming weeks, starting from near Mr David Chambers' residence and continuing through to Foxy's Garage. The low voltage lines will be placed on the lower side of the road toward the residential area and the high voltage lines will be placed within the Airport Development Area in the Deadwood Plain area.

Basil Read and their subcontractor will position the poles and work with Connect Saint Helena to carry out the electrical installation. There will be a limited need for power outages during this relocation, and residents will be advised nearer the time.

There are certain areas in which the main water line will also need to be repositioned. This sequence of works will replicate that of the electricity poles. Basil Read will dig to allow Connect Saint Helena access to the pipeline to carry out the works.

Once these works are complete, Basil Read will commence work on clearing the Haul Road through the designated route in Deadwood.

Constructing this new road will require heavy machinery works and excavations in this area. It is expected that there will be a certain amount of dust, noise and vibration during the course of construction. However, this will be monitored and Basil Read will comply with company protocols and take every effort to minimise the impacts on the community.

We thank Deadwood residents and members of the public in advance for your co-operation during the course of construction.

Staffing

The number of people employed on the Airport Project is growing. The table shows the number of employees employed on island by Basil Read at present.

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Total Number of Employees	413
Of Which:	
Saints	275
Expatriates	123

Local Sub-contractors





