Another Milestone - Construction Commences on Airport Buildings

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The project reached another milestone this week with the start of the setting out and preparations of foundation works for the airport buildings. The Excavation Teams have finished preparation of the site, which involved excavating down 30m to create a platform for the buildings (see the photo below). The Excavation Teams will still be busy excavating material for the Dry Gut Fill but this work will not take place within a 200m radius of the building site. This means that it is now timely for the Buildings Team to take over this area of Prosperous Bay Plain and to commence construction of the buildings.

The first building to be constructed will be the Combined Building (shown in the left hand corner of the artist's impression above). This building will house a number of auxiliary functions which are required to support the Airport Operations, such as Air Traffic Control and Rescue and Fire Fighting Services.



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Airport Project - Environmental Management

The Airport Project is clearly one of the largest construction projects St Helena has ever seen. Given the unique environment in which the project is taking place, environmental management is a critical element of the Airport Project. The environmental aspects of the project therefore go hand in hand with the technical aspects.

The environmental requirements under the Airport Project are set out in the following documents:

ES

- Environmental Statement
- Assesses the environmental impacts of the Airport Project
- Set out mitigatory measures to reduce or eliminate the identified impacts

EMP

- Environmental Management Plan
- Builds on the ES
- Sets out responsibilities for environmental mitigation

CEMP

- Contractor's Environmental Management Plan
- An operational document
- Sets out the day to day environmental management duties
- Subject to ongoing review and six monthly formal reviews

OEMP

- Operational Environmental Management Plan
- Will be developed towards the end of the construction phase
- Will set out environmental management requirements for the operation of the airport

A team of environmental personnel from Basil Read, the Project Management Unit (PMU) and SHG have responsibility for environmental management under the Airport Project. The team comprises:

- Robert Kleinjan and Nick 'Kaiser' Stevens form the PMU's Environmental Monitoring Team
- Annina van Neel (Environmental Control Officer) from Basil Read
- Isabel Peters from the Environmental Management Division of SHG

The CEMP is subject to constant review by the Contractor. In addition a formal review is undertaken every six months where a new update is prepared. Basil Read is responsible for adhering to the provisions of the CEMP, Annina and her team are constantly working with Basil Read area managers and site supervisors to ensure compliance throughout the airport development area.

Robert and Nick also undertake regular site inspections to check for CEMP compliance at an operational level. At a policy level, CEMP updates are reviewed by Isabel and Robert, who check these against the EMP provisions and ensure that the CEMP complies with the contractual obligations.

If you want to find out more about environmental management on the project please don't hesitate to contact Robert at the PMU on 4391. The 2011 EMP is available online along with the Environmental Statement and other supporting documents via http://www.sainthelenaaccess.com/application



Basil Read Announcement

Due to adverse weather conditions and in the interest of Health and Safety, Basil Read would like to advise the public that the Sunday tours of the Airport Site on Prosperous Bay Plain will cease with immediate effect until further notice.

Tours that were previously booked will continue as soon as it is convenient to do, at which time members of the public who have previously booked will be contacted by Julie George, Basil Reads Community Liaison Officer.

Your co-operation during this period is very much appreciated.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT PROSPEROUS BAY PLAIN AND DRY GUT REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Basil Read continues to work on construction of the Access Road from Ruperts Valley to Prosperous Bay Plain to the final alignment. At present, Basil Read are concentrating on the area between Deadwood and Millennium Forest.

There are areas along the Access Road where the road intersects with the public highway. Members of the public are asked to drive with care and to adhere to the signage posted in these areas.

As always, Basil Read will do everything possible to ensure that the road remains safe and passable. However in light of the wet weather period conditions will not be ideal. Drivers are therefore asked to exercise caution when travelling through these areas. Please also be advised that delays may be experienced. Again, we apologise for the inconvenience caused and thank road users in advance for their patience.

On page 4 overleaf you will see the signs associated with the works and their meanings.



Signs associated with Roadworks







Roadworks Ahead

These signs warn you that there is likely to be temporary changes to the road ahead and that you are entering a construction area.







Loose Chippings

These signs warn that either the road ahead has loose chippings after resurfacing or that there is a temporary road surface during construction.



Temporary Speed Limit

This sign requests drivers to proceed at or below the speed stated. This is used for Road Safety (yours and the workers) and to help bed in new road surfaces.





Road Narrows Ahead

These signs warn you that the road ahead is narrowing and on which side the obstruction is. If a 2-way road narrows down to a single lane please beware of oncoming traffic.



Heavy Plant

This sign warns that heavy plant is in use on the road ahead. This sign is an extra warning of unusual movements over and above those normally expected in a construction area.







Keep Right and Keep Left

These signs help direct you past work areas. They are provided for your safety.

If a 2-way road narrows down to a single lane, please beware of oncoming traffic.

FINALLY,

Please do not move signs, cones or barriers around Road Works. They have been provided for your safety. If you think they have been blown over or moved by others please report it:



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