



Progress on Airport Buildings



© Basil Read - Combined Building Progress (Feb 14)



© Basil Read - Ground Floor Brick Work (Feb 14)

Work continues on the Combined Building at the airfield site, which will house a number of auxiliary functions required to support Airport operations - Air Traffic Control, Rescue and Fire Fighting Services.

The first floor slab and all associated beams are 100% complete as are the columns from the first to the second floor, with preparation for the second floor slab in progress.

The ground floor brick work is 55% complete and preparation for the first wing canopy is progressing.

Basil Read Buildings Manager, Derrick Alexander, reported:

“Standing back and looking at the overall progress made in the last nine months not only makes me proud, but also makes me reflect on the sacrifices and contributions made by each and every team and family member. There is no substitute for dedication, commitment and hard work.”

Work on the Terminal Building is also making good progress with the foundations 100% complete. Columns from the ground floor to the first floor are 45% complete and work has commenced on the backfilling, compacting and preparation for the surface bed slabs.

Open Channel and Dry Gut

In August 2013 work commenced on drilling holes for explosives to cut the Open Channel through the ridge to the south of Dry Gut. The Open Channel will provide a storm water drainage solution through the adjoining valley, draining storm water from Dry Gut away from the toe of the rockfill. The circled area in the photo opposite shows the progress on the Open Channel.



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Drilling and blasting of the Open

Channel continues and is due for completion between the end of March and Mid-April 2014. The total length of the channel will be approximately 391m.

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Airport Certification

The Airport Project has started work to prepare for Airport certification. Basil Read retains overall responsibility for certification activities in line with the requirements of the Regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI). Basil Read has subcontracted Lanseria (operators of an internationally accredited airport in South Africa) to manage operations at the St Helena Airport and Lanseria's prior experience of gaining and retaining certification is extremely useful. SHG also has a number of responsibilities towards airport certification and towards preparing for the airport operations phase.

The diagram below highlights each party's role and responsibilities in the certification process.

Air Safety Support International (ASSI)

ASSI is a not-for-profit, wholly-owned, subsidiary company of the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Authority (source: www.airsafety.aero). ASSI is charged with supporting the development of civil aviation safety regulation in the Overseas Territories.

ASSI has responsibility for certification of the Airport and ensuring St Helena complies with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirements (OTARs).

Basil Read and Lanseria

St Helena's airport contractor is responsible for the application to ASSI for Airport certification and for managing Airport operations. Basil Read is contracted under the Design, Build and Operate Contract for a 10 year operation period.

Lanseria is subcontracted by Basil Read and will manage Airport operations on behalf of Basil Read.

SHG and the Governor

Whilst the overall responsibility for certification documentation lies with Basil Read, SHG will need to input into specific manuals, including an Aerodrome Manual, Aeronautical Information Publication, Emergency Plan and Obstacle Safeguarding Plan.

SHG also has specific responsibilities for the framework and legislation for civil aviation and readiness for when the Airport becomes operational.

The Governor also has specific responsibilities regarding the regulation of civil aviation – embedded in law through the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Chicago Convention and the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order.

DfID Deputy Project Manager Visits

Visiting the Island from 19-27 February was Deputy Project Manager St Helena Airport, David Finan, from DfID.

David had a packed programme during his visit and met with various SHG officials to discuss progress on the Airport Project and to visit the Airport site at Prosperous Bay Plain.

David Said:

"This is my second visit to St Helena. The progress made at the Airport site is really impressive and shows the team effort from Basil Read, the Project Management Unit and St Helena Government. I recently took on additional responsibilities for the wider St Helena programme, so this was also a great opportunity to talk this through with SHG colleagues."

