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Temporary Fuel Storage



Articulated Dump Trucks (ATD)

Work Continues

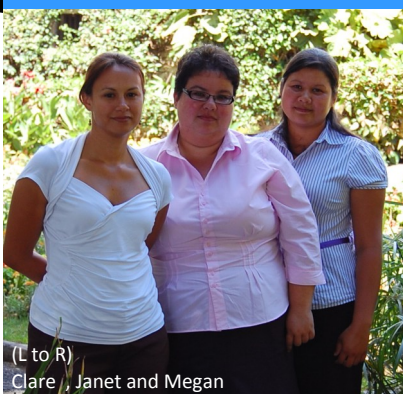
Basil Read continues work in Rupert's on the Temporary Jetty and Temporary Fuel Storage in readiness for the arrival of the Basil Read Ship (as it is known locally) next month. Pictured on the right is the NP Glory 4 sailing from Thailand to Singapore to have the crane that is lying on the deck fitted.



To date Basil Read have employed approximately 78 saints and close to 115 people in total.

This week we spoke to three more Basil Read employees actually involved in the works. Their profiles are overleaf.

Access Office Team



(L to R)
Clare, Janet and Megan

The Access Office is the functional link between the Airport Project and St Helena Government (SHG). Janet Lawrence was appointed as Airport Project Director in March 2012. In addition, most of you will already know Clare Harris who is the longest serving member of the Access Office and has been working on the Airport Project almost from day 1. We are pleased to announce that Clare's post has been redesignated Deputy Airport Project Director. This means that she will have additional responsibilities in ensuring that the Airport Project is delivered on time and on budget. Megan Sim has also recently joined the Access Office as Administrative Assistant. In addition to day-to-day admin duties, Megan will also be involved in project monitoring and in preparing publicity materials (such as these updates).

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Question: Where can I find out more information about the Airport Project?

Answer: The Access Office is happy to assist with any queries you might have so please don't hesitate to get in touch. The public is very welcome to visit our office to see our displays. We are also in the process of updating our website www.sainthelenaaccess.com

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• Job Profiles



Name: Patrick Crowie
Job Title: Currently employed as a General Labourer/Operator
Employer: Basil Read (Pty)
Date of Employment: 20th February 2012 – Present
Hours of Work: Monday – Friday 7.00am – 4.00pm overtime is also offered as and when required

Job role/typical day: As a General Labourer/Operator I am involved in all works taking place and therefore when my skills are required I apply them as and when I can.

Reasons for joining Basil Read: I joined the company because of the opportunities they were offering and for just being a part of the team and the airport project. I thought there might also be a chance for training and I was fortunate to have been selected to train as a Drill Operator in South Africa for three months. I leave at the end of this month and am looking forward to the training ahead. When I return I will then be employed as a qualified Drill Operator.

Previous work history: Before working for Basil Read I was employed by Solomon and Company.

Thoughts about Basil Read and the airport project: Basil Read are a good company and I enjoy working for them, I get on well both with my employers and the other workers.



Name: Chrezelda De Jager
Job Title: Housing Administrator
Employer: Basil Read (Pty)
Date of Employment: 1st February 2012
Hours of Work: Flexible working hours

Job role/typical day: I am the person responsible for sourcing the housing for our Basil Read expatriate employees and their families. This means that when I receive phone calls from islanders offering their dwellings to Basil Read to rent, then I view and inspect these houses, create a list and enter them into our database. When we need a house for incoming employees we access the database, choose the most suitable one and then enter into a lease with the owner. We are currently leasing 24 houses on St Helena; these are all private with the exception of two government houses at Piccolo Hill. Our employees are mainly housed in Half Tree Hollow at the moment.

I also purchase all of the food for expatriate workers households. Working from 7-5 means that employees are unable to drop into town or shop for their own groceries and so I do it for all of them. We are liaising with Solomons in advance for special orders in meat and vegetables. We have also put in an extra order for fruit so that we don't buy all of the resources from the local people. This is going through the teething process at the moment and there are instances when I have to go into the shop to actually purchase goods but we are trying our best to minimise the impact on the island food stock and resources for the local people.

As the wife of the Island Director (Deon De Jager) I also organise any function/receptions for the company.

Previous work history: Before coming to St Helena I owned my own Medical business back in South Africa.

Thoughts about Basil Read and the airport project: I like being busy that is why I am involved with the airport project. The people here are very friendly and the absolute safety factor never fails to amaze me. There are no worries about theft or murder whereas in South Africa the crime rate is so high. When I first left my groceries in a shop I was amazed that they were still there when I returned, back home they would have been stolen already. The people are also so giving and you can expect to go into work and share something that someone has brought in, like bananas or mangoes.



Name: Jayne Thomas
Job Title: Junior Accounts Clerk
Employer: Basil Read (Pty)
Date of Employment: 1st March 2012-present
Hours of Work: Monday to Friday – 7.00am – 4.00pm

Job role/typical day: The Admin side of company is still progressing but when the project is fully up and running then it will be my role to help with the payments. Currently I am checking invoices to make sure the cost codes are correct and if the right materials went to the right functions. I have had some experience with this when employed with the SHG IT Section, but when the new accounting system is in place then I will receive in-house training for this.

Reasons for joining Basil Read: Prior to being employed by Basil Read I was employed by the Health and Social Welfare Directorate. When my post was made redundant I had to seek alternative employment and I chose Basil Read. I applied for an accounts position as I believe this is potentially an interesting career path where I can learn and develop new skills.

Previous work history: Before working for Basil Read I worked at the Health and Social Welfare Directorate, mainly in administration but also helping in the Accounts section. I have also worked in administration/accounts at the SHG IT Section.

Thoughts about Basil Read and the airport project: It is an amazing opportunity to be a part of the Basil Read team and part of the Airport Project that will change the face of St Helena for the better and bring us into the 21st Century.



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