

Issue No: 9
30th May 2012
Access Office, SHG

St Helena Airport

Access Track for Haul Road



Access Track on Pipe Ridge looking toward HTH

Basil Read has started work on the 14km access track for the haul road. This access track will follow the general alignment for the haul road and will allow Basil Read to move their large machines from Rupert's to Prosperous Bay Plain. Works started in Bilberry Field and Mulberry Gut about two weeks ago. Work has now also started on the access track on Rupert's Hill.

The D6 Dozer has been cutting a track from Pipe Ridge down to Rupert's. Basil Read are also working their way up Rupert's Hill on the access track from just above the Quarantine Station. The arrival of NP Glory 4 (Basil Read's Ship) at the end of June will bring the first shipment of heavy plant, including a 70 tonne excavator which will initially be used to help cut the access track from Rupert's to Pipe Ridge, meeting with the track being cut down the hill.

More pictures of the haul road track overleaf.



Access Track- Field Road (Rupert's) in the background

Temporary Jetty



The final concrete pour for the Temporary Jetty was successfully completed on Friday, 25th May. After the unfortunate incident in April where the sea conditions caused some of the concrete to be washed away, Basil Read adapted their method and poured the concrete jetty wall in four stages. The concrete works on the Temporary Jetty are now complete. All that remains is the addition of the fendering, planned for June, and the Temporary Jetty will be ready for the arrival of the Basil Read ship.



Contact Details

St Helena Government
Access Office
Tel: +290 2494

Email: dd.airport@sainthelena.gov.sh

Halcrow
Project Management Unit
Tel: +290 4258

Email: HuberA@halcrow.com

Basil Read
Contractor

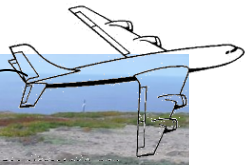
Tel: +290 4026

Email: cschwarz@basilread.co.za

Visit us online at www.sainthelenaaccess.com



- Haul Road
- Temporary
- Unexploded Ordnance



Paul Laban, Poppy and Paul Welbourn using the metal detector



Poppy sniffing freshly dug ground

Unexploded Ordnance

Military records indicated that Prosperous Bay Plain (PBP) was a practice shooting range during World War II. St Helena Government, Project Management Unit and Basil Read looked into this with the help from a member of public Hilton (Bernie) Thomas from China Lane, Jamestown who remembered finding two shells in the Central Basin on Prosperous Bay Plain a number years ago. The location of the find was discussed with Bernie and a search area was established.

Earlier this month a search was conducted by a team comprising of Paul Laban, Top Dog Security, his explosive materials detection dog Poppy, and Paul Welbourn, PMU Deputy Resident Engineer aided with a metal detector. Small excavations were also made in softer ground in the search area, where munitions could have potentially a deeper level of penetration to enable Poppy to sniff the freshly dug soil for any potential finds.

The search found evidence that munitions were targeted at PBP but no remains were found that represented significant danger. PBP has now been cleared for construction works to take place in July/August this year.

Access Track for Haul Road



Circled area shows the Haul Road track on Rupert's Hill
Picture taken from Field Road



Visiting Prosperous Bay Plain

Works on PBP are planned in July/August this year. Basil Read will start to take the heavy plant through to PBP from early July. If you are planning to visit PBP to get a last look before construction works please follow the signage in place. It is important not to travel on the Central Basin as this is an internationally important area for endemic species.