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Governor-in-Council  
The Castle  
Jamestown  
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Your Excellency and Honourable Members,

### **PLANNING APPLICATION – ST HELENA AIRPORT AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE**

I have great pleasure in submitting a planning application for the development of an airport and supporting infrastructure on St Helena. The application is submitted under the Airport Development Ordinance 2006 and relates to development within the designated Airport Development Area.

The proposed development will include:

- An airport on Prosperous Bay Plain;
- An in-shore sea rescue service to be based at Jamestown;
- A haul road for construction purposes from Rupert's Bay Valley to Prosperous Bay Plain and a permanent access road on the same route for operational purposes;
- A wharf and associated facilities at Rupert's Bay;
- A bulk fuel installation in Rupert's Valley;
- A water supply from Shark's Valley for the operation of the airport, which may be augmented by a dam at the top of Dry Gut at the south end of Prosperous Bay Plain; and
- Various temporary facilities to enable construction including a quarry in Rupert's Valley, contractor's compounds for equipment, materials and accommodation for construction workers, and possibly a temporary wharf and runway.

The application comprises:

- An Application Form;
- Application Drawings;
- Planning Statement;
- Environmental Statement; and
- Aircraft Crash and Disaster and Fuel Installation Emergency Plan.

The development of the airport and its supporting infrastructure will provide the basis for a step change in the development of the island's economy through sustainable tourism. The scheme will transform the island's future, potentially reversing the current economic decline and out-migration of working adults, and enabling the island to work towards financial self-sufficiency. The airport is a key element of the development strategy for the island. While the significant environmental impacts of the scheme have been identified, on balance it is considered that the substantial benefits of the scheme outweigh these potential impacts, and the Governor-in-Council is respectfully requested to support this application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above if you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully



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Cc: Chairman – Land Planning and Development Control Agency