



Press Release

OHORONGO CEMENT CONNECTS ST HELENA TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

A three year contract to supply cement for the building of the St Helena Airport project was signed on 24 May 2012 between Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd and Basil Read (Pty) Ltd .

Basil Read (Pty) Ltd approached Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd and inspected their plant last week to familiarize themselves with the quality, processes & procedures that would meet the project specifications and demands.

The contract to design, build & operate an airport on the island of St Helena was awarded to Basil Read in November 2011. It is funded by the Department for International Development (DFID), a department of the British government.

Construction is estimated to take place over a 48 month period and the project is said to include just some of the following:

- A 1 850m long concrete paved runway plus taxiway & apron to cater for aircraft up to the size of an Airbus A319-100 and Boeing 737-700.
- 8 million m³ bulk rockfill with 750m x 2m Ø reinforced concrete culvert and attenuation dam.
- A Terminal and Combined building of 3 500m² with supporting infrastructure.
- Air traffic control, navigational aids, aerodrome ground lighting & safety.
- Bulk fuel installation for 6 million liters of diesel, petroleum and aviation fuel.
- A 14km long airport access road
- and all related logistics.

The total value of the project is estimated at about N\$ 2.5 billion.

“Ohorongo is very excited about supplying cement to this project and we are very happy that Basil Read afforded us this opportunity,” says Mr Johan Burger, Sales, Marketing & Logistics Manager of Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd.

Located approximately 1 900 km from Africa, the island of St Helena is one of the world’s most remote locations. The island only measures about 16km x 8km.

“One of the reasons why Basil Read decided to sign the agreement with Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd is due to logistical matters making the process easier,” says Mr Graham Temlett, GM of Basil Read St Helena Airport Project.

“Of course the impressive operating modern plant , the high quality of the product reflected in the certification and specifications of Ohorongo Cement, and the necessary quality procedures and controls that are implemented during the manufacturing process, also impressed us, making the decision even easier,” says Temlett.

The cement will be exported in 1½ Ton bulk bags packed into 20ft containers, by means of a 3 000 ton vessel, which will operate between St Helena and Walvis Bay port on a three week cycle.

“The problem we had to overcome, was that the island did not have a jetty for the vessel to berth” says Mr Temlett.

“However, now that Basil Read has constructed a temporary jetty and installed a 40 ton crane onto its chartered vessel, these enable the landing craft vessel to offload directly onto St Helena Island.”

To obtain more information regarding Basil Read (Pty) Ltd, kindly visit www.basilread.co.za.



From left to right: Georg Besemer (Technical Service, Ohorongo Cement), Johan Burger (Sales, Marketing & Logistics Manager, Ohorongo Cement), with Graham Temlett (GM St Helena Airport Project, Basil Read) and Richard Miller (Senior Buyer St Helena Airport Project, Basil Read).

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