

# St Helena optimism



Anticipating investment growth: the 122 square kilometre land mass of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean

Investment opportunities and private sector growth on the South Atlantic island of St Helena are expected to boom in the lead up to the opening of the island's first ever airport due in December 2015. Building has now begun following the signing of the construction contract at the end of 2011 between the British Government and South African construction firm Basil Read. Positioned between South America and Africa, St Helena, a British Overseas Territory with stability and transparency akin to the UK, has strong commercial and family links with South Africa and Cape Town in particular.

The airport will create an opportunity for new businesses with import and export potential as well as enabling improvements in sectors such as fishing and farming (coffee, distilling, etc) as access for both people and high-value cargo is transformed with air access. Getting to St Helena from Cape Town currently takes five days aboard the RMS St Helena. (Visit: [www.shda.co.sh](http://www.shda.co.sh))