

# UK postage stamp features Basil Read brand

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**B**asil Read recently noted that it was being featured in a new series of UK postage stamps acknowledging the construction of a new airport on the island of St Helena, a British territory 2,300 km west of Walvis Bay, in neighbouring Namibia.

Basil Read St Helena Airport project director Jimmy Johnston said the stamps, one of which featured the NP Glory vessel with the Basil Read brand clearly visible, celebrated the

company's role in the design, construction and operation of the airport, while signifying the end of St Helena's isolation from the rest of the world.

Once construction of the first phase of the airport was completed by Basil Read in February 2016, travel time from Cape Town to St Helena would be reduced from seven days to only five hours.

For the Basil Read team, the opening of the airport would mark an end to what Johnston describes as the most logistically complex project ever undertaken by the company.

"The project required skills ranging from civil construction and road works and building, through to opencast mining and marine works, effectively using most of the company's 'in-house' capabilities. Subcontractors, with capabilities that varied from environmental-impact studies to architecture and bulk fuel installation, completed the team," Johnston said. ■

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