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Cable & Wireless South Atlantic Ltd. (St Helena) hosted fellow Cable & Wireless employee Neil Nobleza of Diego Garcia for a five week work placement in August of this year.



Situated in the British Indian Ocean Territory islands, Cable & Wireless Diego Garcia forms part of Cable & Wireless International and due to its geographical and economic similarities, Diego Garcia works very closely with the South Atlantic Business Units.



Neil, a Radio Services Engineer, has been with Cable & Wireless since February 2002, his experience in communication and radio electronics spans over 13 years. Recommended by regular visitor to the St Helena Business Unit, Bob Hurst, a specialist in mechanical maintenance of satellite earth stations, Neil made the long journey to St Helena with the objective of gaining an in depth familiarisation of our network systems and operational processes.

An intensive and varied programme was put in place, which allowed Neil to spend time in each of the three sections within the Networks Department; Networks, IP Networks and Service Provisioning. Mark Heron, Manager Networks said “it was a pleasure to have such a committed and enthusiastic engineer join the team for a few weeks. Neil was involved in a wide variety of activities from MSAN installation through to D-Side cable upgrades. We also took the opportunity to learn from Neil’s experiences on Diego Garcia exchanging lots of ideas and experiences.”

While his days were fully occupied Neil also made full use of his spare time exploring the island on the weekends, as well as enjoying ‘out of work’ time getting to know his new colleagues.



In all, the work placement was a great success, not only for Neil. St Helena benefited from Neil’s expertise which included the delivery of broadband services to vessels at anchor, a potential requirement here in St Helena. This programme also served to reinforce the close relationship between the two business units.

CE SHL commented “travel to and from St. Helena is indeed an experience. The commitment to come and shown throughout the five week work placement, coupled with Neil’s pleasant personality made it a very successful visit for both St. Helena and Diego Garcia”.