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LOGISTICS GRADUATE EMBARKS ON AFRICAN ADVENTURE WITH TRANSAID

A graduate from Norbert Dentressangle has swapped the UK for the sweltering heat of Tanzania, on a six month secondment with international development charity, Transaid.

Rebecca Smith, 26, who has worked for Norbert Dentressangle for three years, flew out to Dar es Salaam as part of her two-year Fast Track Talent Programme placement with the logistics specialist.

Rebecca will be supporting Transaid and Tanzania's National Institute of Transport (NIT) on a number of initiatives including the Professional Driver Training Project, which promotes the improvement of driver training standards and develops programmes to help enhance driver competence, road safety and the efficient use of commercial vehicles.

She will be continuing the work of last year's graduate Artem Avdeev, who worked with local fleet managers and transport companies to help them understand the benefits their drivers would receive by undertaking the training courses. Rebecca will also be responsible for managing NIT's training garage, developing revenue sources and running practical courses.

"I'm so excited and privileged to be working for such a fantastic organisation. The partnership between Norbert Dentressangle and Transaid is one that is taken very seriously by everyone in my company and I'll be giving all my colleagues back in the UK regular updates on all the things I get involved with," said Rebecca.

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Jacqueline Hector, Transaid's Corporate Partnerships Manager, said: "It's really great that Norbert Dentressangle supports Transaid by placing their graduates out in Africa with us. Not only does it expose the work of Transaid to a new generation, who join our projects with great enthusiasm and new perspectives on tackling transport issues, but it also gives Norbert Dentressangle's graduate programme a real edge making it one of the most popular in the industry."

Norbert Dentressangle's Fast Track Talent Programme is a two year programme consisting of four six month placements in different areas of the business such as warehousing and transport planning, as well as the opportunity to work overseas. For more information about next year's programme visit <http://hr.norbert-dentressangle.co.uk/Our-Opportunities/Graduate-Programme> and to follow Rebecca's time in Tanzania visit her blog at <http://projecttanzania2013.wordpress.com>.

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Note to Editor:

Transaid (www.transaid.org) is an international development agency that aims to improve people's quality of life in the developing world by making transport more available and affordable. It was founded by Save The Children and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) and works by sharing skills and knowledge with local people to enable them to put in place and manage efficient transport systems.

Transaid's core work includes creating transport management systems for the public sector and assisting with the provision of professional driving qualification development and the training of driver trainers. It also assists with teaching preventive vehicle maintenance management and introducing local, low cost transport solutions including its innovative bicycle ambulance. Transaid also helps promote HIV, AIDS and road safety awareness and shares its specialist knowledge with the humanitarian aid sector.

Transaid enjoys strong backing from the transport and logistics industry and the active involvement of its patron, HRH The Princess Royal.

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