

Environmental Protection Agency



Notice to the Public

ExxonMobil Guyana Limited (EMGL), acting as Operator on behalf of itself and its Stabroek Block co-venturers Hess Guyana Exploration Limited and CNOOC Petroleum Guyana Limited, has submitted an Application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an Environmental Authorisation to undertake the **Haimara Development Project** - the Development and Operation of Petroleum Production Facilities in the Stabroek Block, Offshore Guyana.

The proposed Project will be implemented in multiple stages which include the following activities: drilling and completion of wells; mobilisation and installation of subsea equipment, umbilicals, risers, and flowlines (SURF); installation, hook-up, and commissioning of a newly built Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading (FPSO) facility; production operations; and decommissioning. The proposed project will be undertaken largely in the marine offshore environment and will require certain land-based support activities such as marine shore base operations. As a result of the intended developmental activities, possible effects to the environment may include impacts on marine water quality, air quality, marine fauna, socio-economic resources, among others.

In keeping with the ***Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana***, the EPA has determined that this Project may significantly affect the environment and will therefore require an **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** before any decision can be made as to its approval or rejection. The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- The potential impacts of the Project on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment may be significant and long-term, given the type, scale, and duration of the proposed activity.
- The Project is in relative proximity to existing development projects in the Stabroek Block, which increases the potential for cumulative impacts of the projects.
- The associated risks attached to unplanned events of petroleum production activities may be significant.

Members of the public are hereby invited, within **twenty-eight (28) days** of the date of this Notice, to make written submissions to the Agency, setting out those questions and matters which they require to be answered or considered in the Environmental Impact Assessment.

A Project Summary can be viewed on the EPA's website (see link below) or uplifted at the Office mentioned below, at a reasonable cost of photocopying.

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