



Environmental Protection Agency

Notice to the Public

Pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has screened the applications for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed projects:

- 1. Andron Alphonso (Adamantium Holdings)- Construction and Operation of a Stone Quarry - A-1082/MP/000/21 Confluence of Essequibo and Dehalibana Rivers, Potaro Mining District No.2, Region # 10.**
- 2. Andron Alphonso (Adamantium Holdings)- Construction and Operation of a Stone Quarry - A-1082/MP/001/21 Confluence of Essequibo and Dehalibana Rivers, Potaro Mining District No.2, Region # 10.**
- 3. Andron Alphonso (Adamantium Holdings)- Construction and Operation of a Stone Quarry - A-1082/MP/004/21 Confluence of Essequibo and Kwapanna Rivers, Potaro Mining District No.2, Region # 10.**

The EPA has determined that these projects will not significantly affect the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The reasons for its decision include:

1. Impacts have been characterized to be of medium to low significance since the project site is located in the Potaro Mining District #2, and is surrounded by similar land use activities.
2. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate. Impacts will be confined to the production activities area. Employees will wear their necessary protective gear to minimise the impact of noise during operation.
3. Impacts to air may be low to moderate and would be within the confines of the immediate project area. Air quality may be affected by stripping activities allowing for the increase in fugitive dust levels and by the generation of combustion gases produced from heavy-duty machinery. Pollutants such as VOCs, SO₂, etc. can be generated from the power generating equipment, machinery and explosive materials used for blasting. However, these impacts can be effectively mitigated by preventative maintenance of heavy-duty machinery and the implementation of control measures such as wet suppression.



4. The impacts to biodiversity will be low and localized. The clearing of vegetation and the extraction of materials in stages allow for more effective management and control of impacts.
5. The impact to water bodies will be low since there will be no direct discharge of effluent into any Creek or surface water body. Surface water quality may be affected by sediment load occurring from loose soil and sediments in storm runoff given the fact that the area is undulating. In addition, the developer has no intention to alter any of the major existing drainage systems within the area.
6. The developer will ensure that waste will be recycled and reused as well as utilize appropriate disposal techniques in keeping with the Agency's Hazardous Waste Guidelines.

Please be advised that this decision is in no way an indication that these projects are approved.

The reasons for our decision is available at the following link on our website:

Project Summary Tab

<https://epaguyana.org/download/adamantium-quarry-project-summary/>

Any person who may be affected by the proposed project may lodge an appeal against the Agency's decision (EIA not required) within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice. Appeals against the EPA's decision should be addressed to:

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