



## **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 application for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

### **Mr. Azim Yunus & Mrs. Robina Basdeo-Yunus - Art Sawmilling Enterprise (Sawmill and Lumber Yard) – Tract ‘AY’ Mudlot 37, Stanleytown, New Amsterdam, Berbice**

The EPA has determined that this project 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. The potential impacts of the project on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment will be low, localized and will not have significant impacts on the ecosystem.
2. Air quality will not be significantly affected by particulate matter emissions. Impacts are primarily short-term, localized, and mitigable. Dust control measures particularly for sawdust will be in place, as dust will be channelled and temporarily stored in dust containment bins on site.
3. Noise disturbances and emissions into the environment will be localised, temporary, and mitigable. Equipment on site will be used in phases and are not expected to exceed 75 decibels.
4. Hazardous waste generation will not be significant and, will not pose any risk to human health and the environment.
5. Non-hazardous waste produced by sawmill activities, such as sawdust will be stored in a wooden enclosed box, which will then be used for landfilling and the excess will be given to farmers.

Please be advised that this decision is in no way an indication that this project is approved.

The reasons for our decision are available at the following links on our website:



## **Project Summary Tab**

<https://epaguyana.org/download/arts-sawmilling-...-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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The Chairman

The Environmental Assessment Board

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