



## **Environmental Protection Agency**

### **Notice to the Public**

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

***Dipchan Persad (Coconut Water International)– Coconut water processing Facility at Grant Vreed-en-Hoop, Pomeroon River***

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. Impacts from water pollution are expected to be minimal, as water-use minimization measures will reduce the volume of effluent generated. Effluent will be produced primarily during facility wash-down activities, which will occur periodically rather than on a daily basis.
2. Impacts from noise pollution are expected to be minor. Where practicable, machinery and vehicles equipped with noise-suppression features (such as mufflers and silencers) will be utilized, and conveyor systems will be properly aligned and routinely maintained to minimize rattling and vibration-related noise.
3. The project design will incorporate a comprehensive Waste Management Plan (WMP) that outlines the identification, collection, treatment, and disposal of various waste types. This plan aims to minimize environmental impact, control odors, and mitigate potential health hazards effectively.
4. The project's design will include reuse of solid waste generated from the processing of coconut husk, utilisation of minimal water supply during wash down to reduce effluent streams in a manner that does not compromise the health of nearby residents and local wildlife.
5. Wastes from the facility will be reused and disposed of via methods approved by the Agency including; septic tank built to GNBS Code for treatment of sewage, reuse of coconut husk as land filling material and the production of coco peats.

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/dipchan-persad-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:

The Chairman  
The Environmental Assessment Board  
E-mail: eabguyana21@gmail.com  
Website: www.epaguyana.org