



## **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:

- 1. Charcoal -Pit Production**, Tract 'MDL' being portion of State Land at Long Creek Newtown Situated on the south of Hauraruni Creek and East of the Soesdyke Linden Highway.

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. A variety of pollutants, particulates, and gases (volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide and particulate matter) can be release into the air during charcoal pit burning. To minimise harmful pollutants, wood will be packed with limited space between them and overloading of the pit will be avoided. Further, the pits will only be dug based of the availability and amount of wood.
2. During the operational phase, waste generated may include ash and residual charcoal fines from the charcoal production process. To ensure that waste from charcoal production is non-hazardous, appropriate waste management practices will be implemented at each stage of the charcoal production process i.e., ash will be used as soil amendment. Proper handling, storage, and disposal of waste materials in keeping with the Environmental Permit Conditions will be strictly implemented to reduce the environmental and health impacts of charcoal production.

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/maxweeney-doreen...-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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