

Environmental Protection Agency



Notice to the Public

Two registered shipping agents have each submitted an application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an Environmental Authorisation to undertake Crude Oil Lifting and Export Operations in the Stabroek Block, Offshore Guyana:

- GAC Logistics and Shipping (Guyana) Inc., operating at 106 Duke Street, Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana; and
- Inchcape Shipping Services Guyana Inc., operating at 2nd Floor, Gizmos & Gadgets Building, 13 North Road & Wellington Street, Georgetown, Guyana.

The proposed project involve the provision, operation and management of crude oil lifting vessels to transport petroleum products from offshore Floating Production, Storage, and Offloading (FPSO) facilities, located in the Stabroek Block approximately 200 kilometres offshore Guyana – to international discharge terminals or refineries. Only internationally registered crude lifting tankers would be used in the projects. The operation will be undertaken entirely in the offshore marine environment.

In keeping with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the EPA has screened the applications and determined that the proposed activity, will not significantly affect the environment and, therefore, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required.

The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- Each lifting operation is a discrete, point-source event lasting approximately twelve (12) to thirty-six (36) hours at an established FPSO. The operations are intermittent rather than continuous and leave no lasting environmental footprint. The effects are therefore transient and localised rather than sustained or widespread, and are not of a duration or extent likely to significantly affect the environment.
- Measures such as specialised vessel construction, pre-transfer safety controls, and established spill-response arrangements will reduce risks. On this basis, the potential environmental impacts of the proposed operations are not likely to be significant.
- The environmental risks arising from these operations are governed by a comprehensive framework of international maritime and pollution-prevention requirements that are enforceable under Guyana law and would be applied as binding conditions of each Environmental Authorisation, with compliance verified on a per-lift basis before any operation proceeds. Because the identified impacts are not of a significant nature and are fully capable of being managed through these established, enforceable controls, a project-specific Environmental Impact Assessment is therefore not required.

Members of the public who may be affected by the proposed activities may, within **thirty days (30) days** of the publication of this Notice, lodge an appeal with the Environmental Assessment Board in relation to the Agency's decision.

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.

Link to Project Summary:

<https://epaguyana.org/download/gac-logistics-an...-project-summary/>

<https://epaguyana.org/download/inchcape-shippin...-project-summary/>

Appeals against the Agency's decision should be addressed to:

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The Environmental Assessment Board

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