



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) screened the application for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

1. ***Harry Narine – Sand Mining – N-1021/MP/000/2023, Hillfoot Soesdyke, Confluence of the Madewini River and the Yarrowkabra Creek, Region 4.***

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 this decision include:

1. Impacts from this project have been characterized to be of medium to low significance since it is to be located at Confluence of the Madewini River and the Yarrowkabra Creek, an area known for similar land use activities.
2. Impacts from noise generated by the project will be medium, periodic, and confined to the production activities area. Employees will wear their necessary protective gear to minimise the impact of noise during operation.
3. Air quality impacts will be of medium significance and localize, i.e, limited to the confines of the immediate project area; these impacts will be effectively mitigated by preventative maintenance of heavy-duty machinery and the implementation of dust control measures, such as, wet suppression and buffer zones.
4. Impacts to biodiversity and habitats will not be significant because the clearing of vegetation and the extraction of materials will be done in stages allowing for more effective management and control of impacts which will, in turn, reduce habitat destruction.
5. Surface water quality will not be significantly affected by sediment load from loose soil and in storm water runoff because there will be no direct discharge of effluent into any Creek or surface water body due to mitigation measures.

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/harry-narine-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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