



## **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 applications for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed projects:

- 1. Mr. Christopher Singh and Ms. Feiona Singh-Woodsworth – Juicy Juice (Logging within Dem 21/24), at Eastern Side Ituni Road, Right Bank Mahaicony/Watuka River.**
- 2. Mr. Colin Prescod – MC Agricultural Trading & Investment Services (Logging, Chainsaw Milling and Charcoal Production within Dem 16/24 AL), at South East St. Cuthberth's Village; West Morakobai Village - Right Bank Mahaica River, Left and Right Banks Captain River and Walalbabu Creek.**

The EPA has determined that these projects will not significantly affect the environment, and are therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The reasons for EPA's decision include:

- To minimize impacts on the environment including biodiversity, these projects will implement harvesting practices in accordance with the Code of Practice for Forest Operations and the guidelines set by the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC), such as:
  - Selective Logging:** careful selection of individual trees to harvest and leaving the majority of the forest intact; and
  - Reduced Impact Logging (RIL):** directional felling of trees for least disturbance to forest, minimal damage to surrounding trees and soil.
- Air pollutants, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), carbon monoxide and particulates which may be released in the charcoal production process would be reduced by packing wood in the charcoal pit to economise on space but without overloading it.
- Noise and vibration in forest concessions, stemming primarily from logging activities, machinery, and transportation will have environmental impacts, particularly on wildlife. These impacts will be mitigated by:
  - Limiting operations to non-critical periods;
  - Scheduling noisy activities when they are least likely to disturb wildlife e.g. outside of breeding or nesting seasons;
  - Limiting or avoiding operating at night;
  - Regular maintenance of machinery; and
  - Enforcing speed limits for vehicles in forest concessions.



#### **4. Waste produced in the operations will be managed by**

- a. Separation into organic, inorganic, hazardous, and recyclable wastes;
- b. Composting organic waste (e.g., food scraps, plant material) to produce natural fertilizer in a designated area away from water sources;
- c. Waste such as ash and charcoal fines generated during charcoal production will be managed and used for soil amendment as a source of potassium and calcium.
- d. Repurposing wood waste ( sawdust , wood chips, offcuts) for compost, land filling or as fuel.
- e. Safely store hazardous materials, such as waste oil in labelled containers and reuse waste oil for chainsaws.

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

#### **Project Summary Tab**

<https://epaguyana.org/download/project-summary-juicy-juice/>

<https://epaguyana.org/download/project-summary-mc-agricultural/>

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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