



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. ***Lia (Guyana) Inc. – MINERAL EXPLORATION PROJECT– KURUPUNG PROJECT, Prospecting Licenses GS14: L-1003/000/23 & GS14: L-1003/001/23 Region 07.***

The application is for **mineral exploration only** for uranium, other radioactive minerals and rare-earth elements. It does not include commercial mining, ore extraction or processing, mine construction, or the establishment of radioactive tailings facilities.

The proposed programme includes soil sampling and approximately 5,000 metres of diamond drilling from about 30 drill platforms, mainly at Aricheng South and Accori North C. It also includes limited access-track works, rehabilitation of approximately 12 kilometres of an existing access road, a temporary exploration camp and secure drill-core storage. The combined drill-pad footprint is approximately 5.5 hectares within the 9,228-hectare licence area.

The Kurupung area was previously explored by Prometheus Resources (Guyana) Inc. and U3O8 Corp. between approximately 2006 and 2012, including geological surveys, sampling and diamond drilling. The present programme will further investigate previously identified targets and reuse existing access routes and disturbed areas where practicable.

Following its review, the EPA has determined that the proposed exploration activities are **not likely to significantly affect the environment** and are therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The reasons include:

1. The project is limited to exploration and does not involve mining or mineral processing.
2. Land disturbance will be localized and confined mainly to small drill pads, access routes and temporary facilities.
3. Vegetation clearing, erosion, sediment, noise, dust, waste and spills are expected to be temporary, reversible and capable of being effectively managed.
4. Drill holes and disturbed areas will be progressively sealed, stabilized and rehabilitated.
5. Fuel, waste, drill fluids and uranium-bearing core and samples will be securely contained, monitored and managed in accordance with an EPA-approved Environmental Management Plan and permit conditions, including radiation-safety requirements.

This decision means only that an EIA is not required for the proposed exploration programme. It does not constitute approval of uranium mining. No activities may commence unless the required Environmental Permit and other statutory approvals are granted. Any future proposal for mineral extraction, processing or mine development would require a separate application and environmental assessment.

Project Summary Tab

<https://epaguyana.org/download/kurupung-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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