



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. Vincent Bartrum- *Logging within Concession Bce: 09/00, located at Right Kuruduni River, Left Bank Corentyne River.***
- 2. Ms. Reanna Fredericks- *Logging within Concession Bce: 22/24, Left Bank Kamwatta River, Right & Left Bank Paidaka River, Western Side Unamco Road.***
- 3. Mr. Kwesi McCoy – *Logging & Operation of (1) Portable mill within Logging Concession at Bce 18/21, Left bank Corentyne River, Right bank Takuba River.***
- 4. Mr. Dhanraj Ram -*Logging within Concession NWD: 08/19, Left Bank Whanamaparu River, Left & Right Bank Tukwari Creek, Left Bank Barima River, Northwestern Boundary Eclipse Falls Amerindian Village.***
- 5. Mr. Dhanraj Ram- *Logging & Operation of (1) Portable mill within Logging Concession at NDW 09/19, at Right Bank Mapurutabaru Creek, Left Bank Tukwari Cree, Left Bank Barima River Northern Boundary Eclipse Falls Village Amerindian Village.***
- 6. Mr. Mervyn Gamell- *Logging & Operation of (1) Portable mill within Logging Concession at NWD: 10/22, Left Bank, Whanamaparu River, Left Bank Whana River, Left Bank Takatu River, Left Bank Arakita Creek.***
- 7. Mr. Clyve King- *Logging & Operation of (1) Portable mill within Logging Concession at Ess: 18/21, Right Bank Potaro River, Left Bank Ekureparu River.***
- 8. Mr. Rodney Davis- - *Logging & Operation of (1) Portable mill within Logging Concession at Ess: 01/23, located at Right Bank Burro-burro River.***
- 9. Mr. Rodney Davis - *Logging & Operation of (1) Portable mill within Logging Concession at Ess: 15/22, located at Right Bank Kuiparu River North-Eastern Side Annai Extension Amerindian Village.***
- 10. Mr. Krishna Persaud- *Logging within Concession Ess: 14/22 Right Bank Kuiparar River, North Eastern Side Annai Extension Amerindian Village.***



- 11. Mr. Jonathan Peters- Logging within Concession Ess: 01/24, Right Bank East Kaburi River, Northern Tumatumari Ridge.**
- 12. Mr. Lakeram Persaud- Logging within Concession Ess: 05/22, Left Bank Pomeroun River, Left Bank Bareem Creek, Right Bank Arunamai River.**
- 13. STS Forest Inc.- Logging within Concession Ess: 27/21, Left Bank Essequibo River, Mowasi Mountain Range.**
- 14. Mr. Mahadeo Seegobind- Logging & Chainsaw milling within Logging Concession at Dem: 18/15, Right Bank Essequibo River.**
- 15. Rockstone loggers Association- Logging within Concession Dem: 23/13, Essequibo River Region #10.**
- 16. Mr. Mahendra Persaud- Logging within Concession Dem: 02/22, Right Bank Ituni River, Right Bank Dukalika River, Left Bank Arama 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:

1. 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:
 - a. **Selective Logging:** careful selection of individual trees to harvest and leaving the majority of the forest intact; and
 - b. **Reduced Impact Logging (RIL):** directional felling of trees for least disturbance to forest, minimal damage to surrounding trees and soil.
2. 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:
 - a. Limiting operations to non-critical periods;
 - b. Scheduling noisy activities when they are least likely to disturb wildlife e.g. outside of breeding or nesting seasons;
 - c. Limiting or avoiding operating at night;
 - d. Regular maintenance of machinery; and
 - e. Enforcing speed limits for vehicles in forest concessions.



3. **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. Repurposing wood waste (sawdust , wood chips, offcuts) for compost, land filling or as fuel.
 - d. 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.

The reasons for our decision are available at the following links on our website:

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1. **Mr. Vincent Bartrum-** <https://epaguyana.org/download/vincent-bartrum-project-summary/>
2. **Ms. Reanna Fredericks-** - <https://epaguyana.org/download/reanna-logging-project-summary/>
3. **Mr. Kwesi McCoy –** <https://epaguyana.org/download/kwesi-mccoy-project-summary/>
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13. **STS Forest Inc.**- <https://epaguyana.org/download/sts-forest-inc-project-summary/>
14. **Mr. Mahadeo Seegobind**- <https://epaguyana.org/download/mahadeo-project-summary/>
15. **Rockstone loggers Association**- <https://epaguyana.org/download/rockstone-loggers-project-summary/>
16. **Mr. Mahendra Persaud**- <https://epaguyana.org/download/mahendra-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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