



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. Michael Kissoon – MK Sand Pit 1 - Operation of a Sand and Loam Mine K-1040/MP/000 confluence of the Groete River and Tonka Bean River, Cuyuni District #3.

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 its decision include:

1. All impacts have been characterized to be of medium to low significance.
2. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate, periodic and localized. Impacts will be confined to the production activities area. Employees will wear their necessary protective gear to minimise the impact of noise during operation.
3. Impacts on air quality will be of low significance within the confines of the immediate project area and will be effectively mitigated by preventative maintenance of heavy-duty machinery and the implementation of 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 impacts will not be significantly affected by sediment load occurring from loose soil and sediments in storm runoff because there will be no direct discharge of effluent into any Creek or surface water body and once mitigation measures are implemented.



6. The developer will ensure that waste will be recycled and reused as well as utilize appropriate disposal techniques in keeping with the Agency's Hazardous Waste Guidelines. The impacts will be low.

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/mk-sandpit-1-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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