



## **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:

### **Ameer Bacchus, N.S Bacchus Sawmill - Operation of Sawmill located at Lot 2, Block K, Rotterdam Village, East Bank Berbice.**

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. Noise and vibration will emanate from the use of circular and band saws; edger, and planer; loading and unloading of trucks; and power generator. To mitigate noise and vibrations during its operations, the project will ensure:
  - a. A silencer/muffler is installed on all equipment/machinery as necessary and placed on a concrete foundation.
  - b. Regular maintenance of machinery and equipment are conducted;
  - c. House the generator in a generator room, equipped with an exhaust stack.
  - d. Limit the loading and offloading of lumber to between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Mon.-Sat; tyres will be used during offloading to dampen noise.
  
2. Wood dust produced during sawing and sanding activities and fine particles produced during the combustion of fuel by the generator and other machinery may become airborne. To reduce/control airborne dust, the project will ensure:
  - a. A dust extractor system is installed to remove and channel dust to a containment bin; and
  - b. Daily removal of sawdust from the mill floor will be conducted.
  
3. Wood waste (chips and shavings) will be given to the community for them to collect and reuse for landfilling, mulch, and compost.

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/n-s-bacchus-sawm...-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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