



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:

Rajendra Ruben, R.Ruben & Sons Sawmill- Operation of Sawmills located at Track 'RR' being a portion of Tract 'EVL' situate at Bamia, East of Soesdyke Linden Highway Right Bank Demerara River.

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. The environmental impact of dust generated by the mill, edger and planer during the processing of logs and lumber will not be significant as the dust emission level will not exceed the World Health Organisation (WHO) *Ambient Air Quality Guidelines for Particulate Matter* for PM_{2.5}.
2. Wood waste (shaving, strips and slabs) generated during the operation, will not significantly impact the environment as shaving will be collected in a dust containment bin and distributed to poultry farmers on a daily basis, whereas strips and slabs will be used for revetments.
3. Noise and vibration generated from the project will not significantly impact the environment since machinery and equipment will have pre-installed silencers/mufflers and positioned on concrete foundation to dampen the vibrations. The generator will be placed in a suitably enclosed room and equipped with an exhaust stack two meters above the tallest building nearest to the operation.
4. The quality of the surface water will not be significantly impacted as there are no waterbodies within the project site.

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/r-ruben-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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