



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:

R&K Sawmill - Operation of a Sawmill at: Block 11 Plantation De Hoop Supenaam River, Essequibo.

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; air compressors; and power generator. To mitigate noise and vibrations during its operations the project will:
 - a. Install silencers/mufflers on all equipment/machinery as necessary and place them on a concrete foundation.
 - b. Conduct regular maintenance of machinery and equipment;
 - 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 combustion of fuel by the generator and other machinery may become airborne. To reduce/control airborne dust the project will:
 - a. Install a dust extractor system to remove and channel dust to a containment bin; and

- b. Conduct daily removal of sawdust from the mill floor.
3. Make wood waste (chips and shavings) available to the community for them to collect and reuse of for land filling, mulch or 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/rk-sawmill-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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