



## **Environmental Protection Agency**

### **Notice to the Public**

Pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) screened the application for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

#### **1. Hakeem Mohamed – Sand Mine - Confluence of Hubudebu River and Labba Creek. Within Block M-1096/MP/000/2023.**

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 reason for its decision includes:

1. Impacts have been characterized to be of medium to low significance since the project site is located at Hubudebu River and Labba Creek, and is known for similar land use activities.
2. Impacts from noise will be medium and will be periodic. 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. Air quality impacts will be medium significance because but would be 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/sand-quarry-oper...-project-summary/>

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