



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. Sayed Khan-SK Sand Pit- Operation of a Sand and Loam Mining. GS: K-1030/MP/000/2023, located at the confluence of the Aratak River and the Potarak Creek, Region #2.

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 EPA's decision include:

1. Impacts have been characterized to be of medium to low significance since the project site is located on the left bank of the Essequibo River, approximately 14 km west of Supenaam, and is mostly surrounded by similar land use activities.
2. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate, periodic and localized to the production activities area. Noise levels will be kept within the permissible noise levels set by the Environmental Protection Agency. Employees will wear the necessary protective gear to minimise the impact of noise during operation. All sound-making devices will be enclosed or equipped with silencers or mufflers to reduce noise levels.
3. Air quality impacts will be medium significance and may be affected by striping activities allowing for the increase in fugitive dust levels and by the generation of combustion gases produced from heavy-duty machinery. However, these impacts would be within the confines of the immediate project area and can 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. Loss of biodiversity and habitats may occur as a result of the removal of vegetation and forest fragmentation. The clearing of vegetation and the extraction of materials in stages will allow 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 given the fact that the area



is undulating. 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/sk-sand-pit-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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