



## **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:

#### **Trans- Amazon Trading, Operation of a Sawmill, Furniture workshop and Charcoal Production (Retort Klins) facility located at Tract TAT Being Portion of State Land Yarrowkabra, Right Bank of 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) for the following reasons:

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. Wood waste (chips and shavings) will be made available to the community for them to collect and reuse of for land filling, mulch or compost.

4. A variety of pollutants, particulates, and gases (e.g., volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter) can be released into the air during the carbonization of wood to produce charcoal in retort kilns. To minimize these harmful emissions, emission control devices such as filters and scrubbers are installed, and energy-efficient designs and operational practices are adopted.
5. Proper handling, storage, and disposal of waste materials in keeping with the Environmental Permit Conditions will be strictly implemented to reduce the environmental and health impacts of charcoal production.

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- Trans- Amazon Trading**

<https://epaguyana.org/download/trans-amazon-tra...-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:*

**The Chairman**

The Environmental Assessment Board

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