



# **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:

***YAFI Rice Milling Inc. – Rice Milling Facility at Lot ‘A’ Ruimzeight, West Coast Demerara.***

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. The proposed site for the facility has been approved for the activity by the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CH&PA) and it is not located within close proximity of similar activities that may contribute to any cumulative impacts.
2. No effluent will be generated from this facility since it processes cargo rice only
3. Particulate matter/ dust pollution will be mitigated by using wet suppression systems (such as wetting roadways and installation of sprinklers where necessary). Cyclones are also utilised to trap the dust being emitted from the paddy dryers and cleaners.
4. In managing ash and smoke from burning paddy heaps, the paddy heaps are located approximately 100 feet away from the rice mill, so as to reduce the nuisance of smoke to employees. There are no residents immediately surrounding the facility.
5. No hazardous materials/waste will be stored on site. However, fuel is stored on site within a fuel tank of 17,000 litre capacity, for use by the generator.
6. Waste from the facility will be reused or disposed of through Agency-approved methods. Paddy husk is used as fuel for the furnace.
7. Noise and vibrations from the operation of heavy-duty equipment on site are mitigated by ensuring that they are equipped with the required mufflers/silencers. The facility is also enclosed where necessary to reduce noise emissions.

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**

*(Link created to project summary by IT)*

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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