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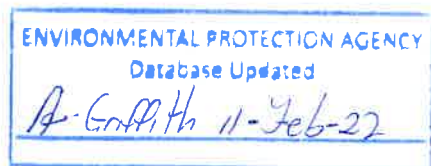
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Environmental Permit

Issued under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

Reference No.:	20210603-GSFPP
Fees:	Medium (C2) US\$4000 - Five (5) years (i.e., US\$800 per year)
Fees Paid:	US\$ 4000 (January 2022 to December 2026)

Addressee(s): Mr. Robert Badal
Guyana Stockfeeds Inc
Farm
East Bank Demerara.



Activity: Construction & Operation of a Poultry Processing Plant
Guyana Stockfeeds Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to construct and operate a Poultry Processing Plant located at Farm, East Bank Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on June 03, 2021, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, existing and/or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act, and/or any other applicable laws, best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

Terms and Conditions to be adhered to by the Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors:

1.0 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

- 1.1 Conduct all construction activities in accordance with measures outlined in project summary, unless otherwise stated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- 1.2 Utilise the land in accordance with the plan submitted to the Agency. All specifications of location, pathways, reserve and boundary lines must be adhered to,

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unless otherwise authorised.

- 1.3 All relevant employees must be equipped with and trained in the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in accordance with their job specifications. Examples of protective equipment include but are not limited to: protective headwear, respirators (N95 filters or N95 mask), ear protection, safety vests, and safety boots.
- 1.4 Identify suitable areas for material stockpile and equipment during construction.
- 1.5 Avoid road traffic hazards or unnecessary inconveniences to the general public through appropriate planning and management of the construction site.
- 1.6 All construction tools, equipment, and machinery must be promptly removed from site upon completion of construction activities.
- 1.7 All construction wastes must be removed from site upon completion construction activities.
- 1.8 All vehicles utilised for the transport of building material to site must be appropriately covered to minimise the risk of dust emissions to the environment.

2.0 OPERATION

- 2.1 Make an application to the Agency to vary this Permit in instances where it becomes necessary to:
 - i. change the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility and all associated buildings;
 - ii. change equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system or technology serving the facility;
 - iii. change the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of discharge of effluents; or
 - iv. effect any other change outlined in Regulation 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 2.2 Halt the feeding of birds 6 to 10 hours before transport to the processing facility to reduce the volume of excreta to be removed after transport or slaughter.
- 2.3 The temporary holding area for birds before slaughter should be cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis.
- 2.4 Birds should be processed in accordance with measures and procedures outlined in the project summary and standards consistent with the principles of HACCP and Codex Alimentaria.
- 2.5 Maintain a system for the separation of solid waste from the effluent streams.

- 2.6 All solid waste generated from the processing facility should be collected daily and disposed at an approved waste disposal facility.
- 2.7 All effluent generated from the processing facility should be directed for treatment to the wastewater treatment facility before final discharge into the environment.
- 2.8 All employees working in this facility should be equipped with and trained in the use of PPEs to suit job specification.
- 2.9 Adequate warning signs must be maintained in the processing facility to warn personnel of impending dangers.
- 2.10 The prohibition of smoking and eating in processing facility must be strictly maintained.

3.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 3.2 **Submit an Effluent Management Plan (EMP)** to the Agency for approval within 60 days of issuance of this Permit. EMP should identify feasible and cost-effective measures to treat **ALL** effluent streams expected to be generated from project, to acceptable limits, before final discharge to the environment.
- 3.3 **All Effluent discharged** into the environment should be in accordance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards Interim Guidelines for Industrial Effluent Discharge into the Environment. The limits below should not be exceeded:
 - Temperature (<40°C);
 - pH (5.0-9.0);
 - Total Suspended Solids (TSS <50 mg/l);
 - Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD <50 mg/l);
 - Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD <250 mg/l)
 - Oil and Grease (< 10 mg/l); and
 - Total N (N as NH₃) (<10 mg/l)
- 3.4 Monitor the parameters outlined in 3.3 above on a bi-annual basis (once in the rainy season and once in the dry season) and submit the results as part of your Environmental Annual Report.
- 3.5 Promote the conservation of water resources by minimizing water consumed and reusing water where possible.
- 3.6 Ensure that the drainage system is free of debris and/or vegetation. Regularly clean the drainage network and immediate environs.

- 3.7 The discharge of solid wastes and/or trade effluent directly into waterways is strictly prohibited.

4.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013**, where applicable.
- 4.2 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary, hygienic practices, and the aesthetic quality of your surroundings at all times.
- 4.3 Ensure effective management of recoverable materials and all waste generated by the project is in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05.
- 4.4 Promote proper solid waste management practices at Project site. Covered garbage receptacles must be placed at strategic locations, both in and outside of the operation. Domestic waste must be separated and collected in these receptacles and disposed at Haags Bosch Landfill Site. Reuse, recycle and/or compost waste materials as far as practical.
- 4.5 Maintain a septic tank system at all times which should be accessible for cleaning and de-sludging. Any modification to the septic tank (s) must be in accordance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) *Code of Practice for the Design and Construction of Septic Tanks and Associated Secondary Treatment and Disposal Systems*.

5.0 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTES MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 5.2 There shall be no release of any pollutants such as fuels and waste oils to soils or surface from the permitted installation. Any accidental release of pollutants to soil or surface waters must be recorded and reported **within twenty-four (24) hours** to the Agency for further investigation.
- 5.3 Store fuel in leak-proof containers during transport to operation.
- 5.4 Waste oils should be stored in tightly covered drums/barrels to avoid spillage. It is an offence to drain fuel/lubricants, including waste oils, of any quantity, from equipment onto the ground, in drains or water ways.
- 5.5 Promote the reuse of waste oil, for example, as lubricant for equipment, where practical.

- 5.6 Waste oils, used batteries, oily rags, filters and oil containers must be appropriately labelled, and stored in a containment bund with an impervious surface until such time for reuse or sale to an authorised dealer.
- 5.7 Ensure that an appropriate spill containment kit is located onsite. The kit should contain absorbent materials to absorb spilt oil and/or other liquids.

6.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000** and the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000**.

- 6.2 Comply with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) Guidelines for noise emission into the environment, not exceeding the limits below at a distance of 15m (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

- **Industrial Limits 100 dB** (Day-time (06:00 h - 18:00 h))

- 6.3 Ensure all significant noise-producing equipment, e.g. generator (s), water treatment plant, peelers, graders, etc. are equipped with appropriate silencers or mufflers and/or are enclosed in suitable acoustic enclosures where necessary to reduce noise levels impacting the surrounding environment to achieve compliance with *Guyana National Bureau of Standards* (GNBS) requirement.
- 6.4 Ensure all equipment and machinery are placed on foundations that are properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations.
- 6.5 Implement all possible measures such as, ensuring equipment and machines are serviced and operated according to manufacturer's recommendations to minimise the impact of sound levels on the environment.

7.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 7.1 Comply with any lawful directions given by the EPA from time-to-time in furtherance of the implementation of any international or other obligation for the environmental protection of Guyana.
- 7.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Environmental Permit (Renewed), insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 7.3 Submit to the EPA, the **Environmental Annual Reports** on the status of the project, progress of the implementation of the monitoring activities and compliance



with the conditions contained herein by **March 31** every year (Please see attached, the *Guidelines for the preparation of Environmental Annual Reports*).

- 7.4 Conform to all terms and conditions under which this Environmental Permit (Renewed) is granted. The Permit Holder shall be liable for any loss or damage which arises from the project as a result of his activities or breach of any term or condition of this Permit.
- 7.5 Inform the Agency prior to or **within thirty (30) days** of any change of name or ownership of the operation.
- 7.6 Notify the Agency **within twenty-one (21) days** in event of death, bankruptcy, liquidation or receivership of the Permit Holder or if the Company becomes a party to an amalgamation.
- 7.7 Notify the EPA **within one (1) hour** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies such as a sudden onset disaster, accident, natural, technological or human induced factors that cause or threaten to cause severe environmental damage as well as harm to human health or livelihood.
- 7.8 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with this Environmental Permit within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance outlining the anticipated manner in which human health or the environment may be impacted.
- 7.9 Within **seventy-two (72) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, submit to the Agency a written report containing a description of the non-compliance, its cause, the period of non-compliance including exact dates and time and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance(s) has not been corrected.

8.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES

- 8.1 The EPA reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's operation as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection Regulations, 2000.
- 8.2 The EPA reserves the right to review and/or amend the conditions and fees attached to this Permit, which also includes the review and/or amendment of Permit Fees in consideration of any changes in fee structure as determined by the Agency for projects of this nature.
- 8.3 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.


- 8.4 The Permit Holder shall, at all times, allow entry to the Permitted facility to any Officer designated by the EPA for the purposes of conducting inspections or any other legitimate business of the Agency.
- 8.5 The Permit Holders, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors while executing the activities attributable to the project shall:
- a. be liable for any material environmental harm caused by polluting the environment, pursuant to s. 39 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana;
 - b. be liable for any serious environmental harm caused by polluting the environment, pursuant to s. 39 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana;
 - c. be liable for discharging, causing or permitting the entry into the environment, of any contaminant in any amount, concentration or level excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana;
 - d. be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 8.5.c of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana;
 - e. not be indemnified by the Agency for any activity that causes or is likely to cause pollution to the environment, resulting from adverse effects through the discharge, any contaminant in any amount, concentration, ultra-hazardous substances, chemicals or otherwise, and shall be rendered liable to prosecution and to penalties prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act and Regulations;
 - f. be liable for any gross negligence or willful misconduct caused by the Permit Holder, his Servants and/or Agents, to the environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release, discharge, or spill, of contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants; and
 - g. be liable for the cost of any independent investigation into any discharge caused.
- 8.6 Should the Permit Holder contravene or be likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve on him an Enforcement Notice in accordance with Section 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

- 8.7 Where it appears to the Agency that the Permit Holder is engaged in any activity that may pose a serious threat to natural resources or the environment, or a risk of serious pollution of the environment or any damage to public health, the EPA may issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice, which may order him to immediately cease the offending activity, in accordance with Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 8.8 All relevant permissions must be obtained and maintained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 8.9 All relevant permissions, approvals and supporting documentations must be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation, and subsequently maintained.
- 8.10 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein **January 2022 to December 2026**. This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **December 31, 2026**, unless otherwise modified, cancelled, suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of this Permit or the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 8.11 This Permit must be renewed by submitting a completed *Application Form for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation* to the Agency at least six months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **June 30, 2026**.
- 8.12 Any submission of renewal application after the specified date as stated above, may require the Permit Holder to pay, in addition to renewal fee, a late penalty fee (accruing at the time such obligation was first owed for renewal) at a rate of **two thousand dollars (GY\$2000.00) per business day** for every day late, until such renewal application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.
- 8.13 Failure to comply with the requirements of this Permit or with applicable laws and regulations, whether existing or forthcoming, shall render the Permit Holder liable to prosecution and to penalties, inclusive of civil penalties, injunctive relief and imprisonment, as prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection Regulations and other applicable Laws of Guyana.

Signed by  on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.
Kemraj Parsram
Executive Director

Date 2022.01.19

hereby accept the above Terms and Conditions upon which this Environmental Permit (Renewed) is granted and agree to abide by the Environmental Protection Act, Cap.20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, the Environmental Protection Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations and standards made under this Act.

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