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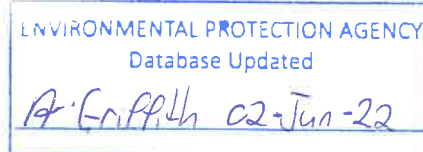
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Environmental Permit

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:	20200220-SPSRW
Fees:	Small (C1) US \$500 for 5 years i.e., US 100 per year
Fees paid	US\$ 500 (April 2022- March 2027)

Addressee(s): Ms. Abiola Lewis
A&G Meat Mart
729 South Amelia's Ward
Mackenzie, Linden



Activity: Operation of a Poultry Rearing and Processing Facility

Abiola Lewis, trading and operating under the name, A&G Meat Mart, 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 operate Poultry Rearing (Meat Birds) and Processing Facility located at Lot 50, West Watooka, Wismar, Linden, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on February 20, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, any existing or forthcoming regulations made under the said Environmental Protection Act and/or any other applicable laws, best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

The Permit Holder, His Servant, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors shall comply with the following Terms and Conditions for the Operation:

1.0 OPERATION

- 1.1 Make an application to the Agency to vary this Permit in instances where it becomes necessary to:

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- (a) change the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility and all associated buildings;
 - (b) change equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system or technology serving the facility;
 - (c) change the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of discharge of effluents; or
 - (d) effect any other change outlined in Regulation 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Utilize the land in accordance with the plan submitted to the Agency. All specifications of buildings' locations, pathways, reserves and boundary lines must be adhered to, unless otherwise approved by the EPA.
- 1.3 Operate the Project in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency's **Operational Guidelines for Poultry Rearing**.
- 1.4 The operation should be located at least 50 meters (164 ft) downwind of any residence, school, or hospital
- 1.5 The base of poultry pens should be constructed of an impervious material such as concrete.
- 1.6 The operation should be located on land that is adequately built up to minimize flooding and ease of drainage.
- 1.7 The Project site should be so secured that it prevents the entrance of pest, wild birds and/ or stray animals.
- 1.8 All pharmaceutical drugs administered to birds must be done by a certified animal health practitioner and in accordance with the Guyana Livestock Development Authority and Veterinary Public Health's Recommendations.
- 1.9 A foot bath containing a disinfectant solution must be maintained at the entrances of all pens and its use must be mandatory before entrance.
- 1.10 The roof of poultry pens should have a projection of at least 0.9 meters (3 ft). Rain water gutters should be attached to roof to allow for the collection and drainage of water to surrounding drains located onsite.
- 1.11 Bedding materials should be kept as dry as practicable during the rearing cycle of birds and changed after each batch of birds are harvested. Bedding materials should be promptly removed from pens after growing cycle has been completed.
- 1.12 Fresh bedding materials should be stored in bags in an area that is dry until such time for use.



- 1.13 Fresh bedding materials should be spread over the entire floor area at a depth of approximately 7.5 – 10 cm. Materials used as bedding may include but not limited to the following: non-toxic wood shavings, sawdust, paddy hulls or any material that is readily available, economical and possess good moisture absorbcency.
- 1.14 Only use disinfectants that are approved by the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board (PTCCB) and which instructions on labels are printed in English.
- 1.15 Poultry feed must be stored in a designated area, that is dry, well ventilated and screened to minimized the infestation of pest.
- 1.16 Maintain the distribution of two feeders and three (3) automatic water dispensers for every 100 birds.
- 1.17 Dispose of all expired pharmaceutical drugs or chemicals as per their Material Safety Data Sheet directions and in accordance with the Agency's waste management guidelines.
- 1.18 Ensure that the slaughtering facility is adequately maintained. All waste water emanating from the facility must be disposed via a septic system.

2.0 EMPLOYEES AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 2.1 All relevant employees must be made aware of the Conditions of this Environmental Permit, and be provided with training on the potential risks of exposure to biological agents, such as, bacteria, fungi, virus, mites, parasites and ticks. Records of such training must be submitted as part of your Annual Report.
- 2.2 All employees must be equipped with and trained in the use of Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to suit their job specification. PPEs should include, but are not limited to: Respirators (fit tested) and or dust mask, gloves, goggles and long boots.
- 2.3 A first aid kit equipped according to the Guyana Red Cross standards must be located on site. Transportation and communication systems must be place to respond in cases of emergencies.

3.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Adhere to the provision of the Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations 2013.
- 3.2 Ensure effective management of recoverable materials and that all waste

generated by the project, in accordance with s. 19(1), (2) and (3) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

- 3.3 Maintain good house-keeping, sanitary and hygienic practices. The aesthetic quality of Project site must be maintained at all times.
- 3.4 Covered garbage receptacles must be placed at strategic locations around Project site. Solid waste collected in these receptacles must be disposed of at an approved waste disposal facility.
- 3.5 The open burning of solid waste on-site is strictly **prohibited**.
- 3.6 Dispose of all poultry solid waste including litter, feathers, dead birds, and animals' entrails in accordance with measures outlined in approved waste management plan, 2020.
- 3.7 In the event that poultry litter is temporarily stored on site, it should be stored in a designated area that is covered and not prone to flooding.
- 3.8 When removing poultry litter from pens it should be kept as dry as possible by scraping instead of flushing with water. Water may be used for cleaning after scraping, and the amount used should be minimized by the use high-pressure, low-flow nozzles.

4.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Comply with the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations 2000.
- 4.2 Ensure that all effluent (waste water) from the slaughtering facility is treated in the accordance with measures outlined in approved waste management plan 2020, before disposal.
- 4.3 Ensure that all entrails filtered during the treatment process is collected and disposed of in accordance with measures outlined in the approved waste management plan 2020.
- 4.4 Ensure that wherever possible water conservation is promoted by restricting wastage and recycling or re-using water where practical.

5.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 Comply with the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations 2000 and the Environmental Protection (Noise Management)



Regulations, 2000.

- 5.2 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 15 m (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

(a) **Residential Limits:** **75 dB** (Day-time (06:00 h -18:00 h))
 60dB (Night-time (18:00 – 06:00 h))

6.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Operation Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 6.3 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*).
- 6.4 Conform to all terms and conditions under which this Operation Permit (Renewed) is granted and shall be liable for any loss or damage which arises from the project as a result of the Permit Holder's activities or breach of any term or condition of this Permit.
- 6.5 Inform the Agency prior to or **within thirty (30) days** of any change of name or ownership of the operation.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 Report to the Agency of non-compliance with the Operation Permit:

- 6.8.1 Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Operation Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, the anticipated manner in which it may endanger human health or the environment.
- 6.8.2 Within seventy-two (72) hours, submit to the Agency a written report containing a description of the non-compliance, its cause and the period of non-compliance including exact dates and time.
- 6.8.3 Submit a report to the Agency indicating the reasons and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance has not been corrected.

7.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY / LIABILITIES

- 7.1 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 and its regulations.
- 7.2 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 7.3 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. Pursuant to s.38 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, it is an offence to assault, obstruct or hinder an authorised person in the execution of his/her duty under the said Act or its Regulations and the Permit Holder shall be liable to penalties prescribed under paragraph (c) of the Fifth Schedule for doing so.
- 7.4 This Operation Permit is not the final consent; all relevant permission should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 7.5 The Permit Holder shall compensate any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed Project (See: s. 19 (3)(e) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana).
- 7.6 The Agency (EPA) shall notify the Permit Holder immediately of any written claim or notice sent by any complainant seeking loss or damage for negligence as a result of the Permit Holder lack of due care and diligence.
- 7.7 The Permit Holder shall be liable for any gross negligence or willful misconduct caused by the Permit Holder, his Servants and/or Agents, to the surrounding environment, including harm to biodiversity, protected species



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and natural habitat with respect to any release or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants from the fuel storage.

- 7.8 Where it appears to the Agency that the Permit Holder is engaged in any activity that may pose serious threat to natural resources or serious pollution of the Environment or any damage to public health, issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice Order to immediately cease the offending activity (See s. 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana).
- 7.9 Should the Permit Holder contravene or is likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve on him an Enforcement Notice, in accordance with s. 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 7.10 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein **May 2022 to April 2027**. This Operation Permit shall remain valid until **April 30, 2027**, unless otherwise varied, modified, suspended, cancelled, or revoked in accordance with the provisions of this Permit or the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana and the Environmental Protection Regulations.
- 7.11 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 **October 30, 2026**.
- 7.12 Any late submission of renewal application (s) after the specified date as stated above, the agency 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 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.
- 7.13 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 any other applicable Laws of Guyana.




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

Date 2022.05.17

I hereby accept the above Terms and Conditions upon which this Operation Permit 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 and any forthcoming regulations and standards made under this Act.

NAME:	Abisola Lewis
DESIGNATION:	Owner
SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	27.05.2022

