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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.

<b>Reference No.:</b>	<b>20220610-GLDPR</b>
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Small (C1) - US\$500 (5 years) i.e., US \$100 per year</b>
<b>Fees Paid:</b>	<b>US \$ 500 (July 2023 to June 2028)</b>

**Addressee(s):** **Mr. Gregory Edmonds**  
**Proprietor**  
**Edmonds Farms and Investments**  
**Lot 1 Fairfield, Mahaicony,**  
**East Coast Demerara.**

**Activity:** **Poultry Rearing Facility (Without Processing)**

Gregory Edmonds, trading and operating under the name, Edmonds Farms and Investments, 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 a poultry rearing facility (without processing), located at Lot 10 Belmonte, Mahaicony, East Coast Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on June 10, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, any 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 GENERAL AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

- 1.1 Make an application to the Agency to vary this Environmental 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. Affect any other change outlined in Regulation 20 (3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Utilise the land in accordance with the site plan submitted to the Agency. All specifications of location, pathways, reserve and boundary lines must be adhered to, unless otherwise authorised.
- 1.3 The base of poultry pens should be constructed of an impervious material such as concrete.
- 1.4 All construction tools, equipment, and machinery and waste must be promptly removed from site upon completion of construction activities.
- 1.5 Ensure all vehicles utilised for the transport of construction material to and from site must be appropriately covered to minimise the risk of dust emissions to the environment.

## **2.0 OPERATION PHASE**

- 2.1 Operate the Project in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency's Operational Guidelines for Poultry Rearing.
- 2.2 The Project site should be so secured that it prevents the entrance of pest, wild birds and/ or stray animals.
- 2.3 A foot bath containing a disinfectant must be maintained at the entrance of each poultry pen and its use must be mandatory before entry into pens. Unauthorised persons should be prohibited from entering pens.



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- 2.4 Poultry birds **must** be reared in an “**all-in all-out system**”.
- 2.5 Poultry bedding materials must be kept as dry as practicable during the growing cycle of birds. Additional bedding materials should be placed in areas of pens that become excessively moist in an effort to minimize the release of ammonia to the environment.
- 2.6 Bedding materials must be changed after the rearing of each batch of birds is completed.
- 2.7 Dead birds must be immediately removed from pens and disposed of as outlined in the Project Summary.
- 2.8 Upon the completion of each batch of birds, the pens should be cleaned and disinfected before the commencement of a new batch. Waste should be removed by scraping before being flushed with water.
- 2.9 All manure removed from pens should be placed in bags and disposed of as outlined in Project Summary.
- 2.10 All effluent generated from the disinfection of pens should be channeled to soak-away system located onsite.
- 2.11 Poultry feed must be stored in a designated area, that is dry, well ventilated and screened to minimized the infestation of pest.

**3.0 EMPLOYEES AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.



- 3.3 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.

#### **4.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 4.2 The discharge of solid wastes 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 Promote proper solid waste management practices at Project site. Covered garbage receptacles must be placed at strategic locations, both in and outside of the Project site.
- 4.4 The open burning of solid waste on-site is **strictly prohibited.**
- 4.5 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.

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



- **Residential Limits 75 dB** (Day-time (06:00 h - 18:00 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 Environmental 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 Environmental Permit 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 any non-compliance with the Environmental Permit as follows:

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- 6.8.1 Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Permit Holder 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 Permit Holder shall 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.
- 7.2 The Permit Holder shall be liable for any activity that causes or is likely to cause pollution of the environment unless all reasonable and practicable measures are taken to prevent or minimise any resulting adverse effect, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 7.3 The Permit Holder shall 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.
- 7.4 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 7.2 and 7.3 of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 7.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable of 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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





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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.

- 7.8 The EPA reserves the right to enter at any time the permitted facility and conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's activities as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 7.9 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 7.10 **This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 7.11 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein; **July, 2023 to June, 2028.**
- 7.12 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **June 30, 2028**, unless otherwise suspended, cancelled, modified or varied, 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.
- 7.13 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 **December 31, 2026.**
- 7.14 Any late submission of renewal application 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 business day late**, until such renewal application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.
- 7.15 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.



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Signed by



on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Date 2023-07-10

I hereby accept the above Terms and Conditions upon which this Environmental 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, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations and standards made under this Act.

NAME:	Gregory Edmond
DESIGNATION:	Owner
SIGNATURE:	G. Edmond
DATE:	19/09/2023







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Date: 20230919

No. 25775

Received From: Edmonds Farms and Investments

The Sum of: One Hundred Five thousand, Two Hundred And Twenty Five Dollars \$105,225.00

For: Environmental permit small - poultry rearing facility (with meat processing)

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Signature: [Signature]

