

Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana Environmental Protection Agency



June 06, 2024

Mr. Jailall Samaroo **Proprietor** J. Samaroo Poultry Farm and Supermarket Lot 16, #75 Village Corentyne, Berbice

Dear Mr. Samaroo,



Ref#: 20180911-JSPCB

Environmental Permit (Renewed) for Poultry Rearing Operation (Without **Processing**)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared an Environmental Permit (Renewed) for J. Samaroo Poultry Farm and Supermarket to operate a poultry rearing facility located at 26 - 28, #73 Village, Corentyne, Berbice.

Please sign the Environmental Permit (Renewed) to indicate your acceptance of its terms and conditions and agreement to comply with the statutory requirements of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

The cost for your Environment Permit (Renewed) is USD\$875 for five (5) years (i.e., US\$175 per year). You are required to pay this fee or its equivalent in Guyana dollars, using the Bank of Guyana daily exchange rate. Payment to the Environmental Protection Agency can be made in cash, by wire transfer, or manager's cheque, in either Guyana dollars or United States dollars. Personal cheques can be paid in Guyana dollars. Please note personal cheques in United States dollars will NOT be accepted.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, kindly contact Mr. Rayner Mc Andrew, Senior Environmental Officer, EPA'sd Whim Regional Office by telephone number 337-2201/7 or email at epawhim@epaguyana.org.

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Environmental Permit (Renewed)

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.:	20180911-JSPCB
Fees:	Small (C2) - US\$875 (5 years) i.e., US \$175 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$875 (August 2024 to July 2029)

Addressee(s):

Mr. Jailall Samaroo

Proprietor

J. Samaroo Poultry Farm and Supermarket

Lot 16,#75 Village Corentyne Berbice.

Activity:

Poultry Rearing Facility (Without Processing)

Jailall Samaroo, trading and operating under the name, 'J. Samaroo Poultry Farm and Supermarket', 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 a Poultry Rearing Facility (Without Processing), located at 26 - 28 #73 Village, Corentyne Berbice, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Renewal Application submitted on February 15, 2024, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, any existing or forthcoming Regulations made under the said Act, and any existing or forthcoming written law, guidelines, best practices, standards, codes of practice, and other statutory or regulatory instruments relevant to this project.

This is a Renewal of Operation Permit, Reference No.: 20180911-JSPCB, issued on September 17, 2019, and which will expired on July 31, 2024. This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is issued pursuant to the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

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

1.0 **OPERATION**

- Make an application to the Agency to vary this Environmental Permit (Renewed) in 1.1 instances where it becomes necessary to:
 - change the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility i. and all associated buildings:

change equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system, or ii.

technology serving the facility;

- change the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of iii. discharge of effluents; or effect any other change outlined in Regulation 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- Submit to the EPA updated permissions from all relevant authorities for ANY 1.2 additional poultry pens, which shall be subject to terms of **Condition 1.1** above.
- A foot bath containing a disinfectant must be maintained at the entrance of each 1.3 poultry house and its use must be mandatory before entry into pens. Unauthorized persons should be prohibited from entering pens.
- Poultry birds **must** be reared in an "all-in all-out system". 1.4
- Poultry bedding materials must be kept as dry as practicable during the growing 1.5 cycle of birds. Additional bedding materials should be placed in areas of pens that become excessively moist to minimize the release of ammonia into the environment.
- Bedding materials must be changed after the rearing of each batch of birds is 1.6 completed.
- All employees must be equipped with, and trained in the correct use of personal 1.7 protective equipment, according to their job specification. PPEs must be certified for use in Guyana by the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS).
- The Permit Holder shall practice integrated pest control management and ensure 1.8 that all pest control applications are conducted either by a Pest Control Operator (PCO) who is registered and certified by the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board (PTCCB) or an employee of the poultry rearing facility who is certified by the PTCCB as a Pest Control Operative. If an employee is selected as the Pest Control Operator then the poultry rearing facility should be licensed to conduct the pest control activity. In the case of an employee as a Pest Control Operative, the following should be adhered to:

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- Pest Control Operative shall be equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) according to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) during the mixing and application of pesticides including the spraying and rinsing operations.
- Use only pesticides, roach, fly, ant, and rat baits that are approved for use in Guyana by the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board. Pesticides should be mixed in accordance with the pesticide label directions.
- The Permit Holder shall ensure that all employees/third-party contractors are 1.9 aware of the conditions of this Environmental Permit (Renewed) and provide training on good environmental management practices inclusive of emergency response.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT 2.0

- 2.1 Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.
- 2.2 A soak-away system or suitable treatment system must be installed within three (3) months after receipt of this permit and the EPA shall be notified when completed to facilitate an inspection.
- 2.3 All effluent (washdown water) generated from the disinfection of pens shall be channelled to a soak-away system or suitable treatment system on site.
- 2.4 All drains directed to the soak-away shall be free of debris and vegetation. All drainage networks leading to the soak-away system must be visible and maintained.
- Stormwater drains must be constructed to collect the maximum quantity of precipitation on the farm. The storm drains that are collecting washdown water shall be discharged into the soak-away system.
- The discharge of solid wastes directly into waterways is **strictly prohibited**.

WASTE MANAGEMENT 3.0

- Adnere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013, where applicable.
- 3.2 Dead birds must be immediately removed from pens and disposed of by burial at a designated location.

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- 3.3 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 instead of flushing with water.
- 3.4 A composting area or temporary storage area for manure must be identified, labelled, and regularly maintained to prevent potential odour or other nuisances.
- 3.5 All manure removed from pens should be stored in bags and transported to the composting facility or temporary storage area located at the back of the facility.
- 3.6 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary, hygienic practices, and the aesthetic quality of your surroundings at all times.
- 3.7 Promote proper solid waste management practices at the Project site. Covered garbage receptacles must be placed at strategic locations, both in and outside of the Project site. Domestic waste should be separated and collected in these receptacles and disposed of at a Disposal Site. Reuse, recycle, and/ or compost waste materials as far as practical.
- 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.

AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT 4.0

- Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000, and the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.
- 4.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all significant noise-producing equipment, e.g. generators, 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 GNBS requirements.
- 4.3 Adhere to the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) Guidelines for Noise Emissions into the Environment, Residential Limits not exceeding 75 dB during the daytime (06:00 h - 18:00 h) and 60 dB during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h) at a distance of 15 m (50 ft) from the source or at the property boundary, whichever is closer.

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COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING 5.0

- Comply with any lawful directions given by the EPA from time-to-time in 5.1 furtherance of the implementation of any international or other obligation for the environmental protection of Guyana.
- 5.2 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.
- 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).
- 5.4 Inform the Agency prior to or within thirty (30) days of any change of name or ownership of the operation.
- 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.
- 5.6 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.
- Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with this Environmental Permit (Renewed) within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit (Renewed) becomes aware of the non-compliance outlining the anticipated manner in which human health or the environment may be impacted.
- Within seventy-two (72) hours of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit (Renewed) 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 noncompliance including exact dates and time and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance(s) has not been corrected.

6.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES

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.

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- 6.2 The Permit Holder shall 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.
- 6.3 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.
- The Permit Holder shall be liable for discharging, causing or permitting the entry 6.4 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 (Renewed), pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or 6.5 damage as a result of the contravention of the conditions of this Environmental Permit (Renewed), pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- The Permit Holder shall not be indemnified by the Agency for any activity that causes 6.6 or is likely to cause pollution to the environment, resulting from adverse effects through the discharge, any contaminant in any amount, concentration, ultrahazardous substances, chemicals or otherwise, and shall be rendered liable to prosecution and to penalties prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act and Regulations.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 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.
- 6.9 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.
- 6.10 The EPA reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's activities as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the

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- The Permit Holder, His Servants, and/or Agents 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 Section 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.
- 6.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein, August 2024 to July 2029.
- This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until July 31, 2029, 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 and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.16 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) must be renewed by submitting a completed Application Form for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six (6) months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than January 31, 2029.
- 6.17 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 the renewal fee, a late penalty fee (accruing at the time such obligation was first owed for renewal) at a rate of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) 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.
- 6.18 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 Manfal Fuzach Kemraj Parsram Executive Director	on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.
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I 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, and any existing and forthcoming regulations, guidelines, best practices, and standards made under this Act and relevant to this project.

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