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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:	20231220-DASNP
Fees:	Small (C1) - US\$500 (5 years) i.e., US \$100 per year
Fees paid	US\$500 (September 2024 to August 2029)

Addressee(s): Ms. Dianne Amaly Songster
Proprietor
Dianne's Natural Products
Lot 278, Bushlot Village
Corentyne, Berbice.

Activity: Construction and Operation of a Poultry Farm (Egg Production)

Ms. Dianne Songster, trading and operating under the name Dianne's Natural Products, is 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 Farm (Egg Production), located at Lots 261-262, No. 64 Village, Corentyne, Berbice, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on December 19, 2023, 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.

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

1.0 CONSTRUCTION

1.1 Make an application to the Agency to vary this Environmental Permit in instances

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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 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.

- 1.2 **The Permit Holder shall submit to the Agency, the requisite approval upon obtaining such approvals from the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CH&PA) by October 31, 2024.**
- 1.3 At all times, the operation of the facility should be done in a manner that results in minimal impacts on public health and safety and the environment.
- 1.4 The Permit Holder shall utilize 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 authorized.
- 1.5 The Permit Holder shall avoid construction works between **18:00 hours and 06:00 hours**.
- 1.6 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all construction works at the Project site are conducted in accordance with the **Drainage & Irrigation Laws of Guyana, Cap.64:03**.
- 1.7 The Permit Holder shall identify suitable areas on the site for material stockpiles and equipment during construction.
 - 1.7.1 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all building\construction materials stored in tiers are stacked, racked, blocked, interlocked, or otherwise secured to prevent sliding, falling, or collapsing.
- 1.8 The Permit Holder shall remove all construction tools, equipment, machinery, and waste material from the site on the completion of construction works.
- 1.9 The Permit Holder shall construct an appropriate drainage system at the facility and ensure that the land is level and appropriately built up to avoid floods and contamination of the receiving waters.
- 1.10 Practice the use of caution signs to warn against potential hazards or to caution against unsafe practices.

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1.11 Adhere to the requirements of the **Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana.**

1.11.1 All employees must be equipped with and trained in the use of Personal Protective Equipment in accordance with their job specifications.

1.11.2 A first aid kit, equipped in accordance with the Guyana Red Cross Standards must be located onsite at all times. Transportation and communication systems must be in place to respond in cases of emergencies.

1.12 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, viruses, mites, parasites, and ticks.

2.0 OPERATION

2.1 A footbath containing disinfectant must be maintained at the entrance of each pen and its use must be mandatory before entrance into pens. Unauthorised persons should be prohibited from entering the pens.

2.2 Poultry birds **must** be reared in an “**all-in all-out system**”.

2.3 Poultry feed must be stored in a designated area, that is dry, well-ventilated, and screened to minimise the infestation of pests.

2.4 Poultry bedding materials should be kept as dry as practicable during the rearing cycle of birds and changed after each batch of birds is harvested. Additional bedding materials should be placed in areas of pens that become excessively moist to minimise the release of ammonia into the environment.

2.5 Poultry litter should be promptly removed from pens after each growing cycle has been completed. Materials should be dry scraped and stored in the designated place for reuse or disposal in a manner approved by the Agency.

2.6 The litter storage area must be so designed to prevent contamination of surface and groundwater. The floor of the storage area must be constructed of impervious material and the area must be adequately covered/enclosed.

2.7 Dead birds must be immediately removed from pens and disposed of by burial on-site or disposal using good environmental practices.

2.8 In the event of a disease outbreak or catastrophic event resulting in high levels of mortality, the Guyana Livestock Development Authority (GLDA) and EPA must be contacted immediately. Options for disposal of such waste **must be approved** by EPA.

2.9 The processing of poultry on-site is **strictly prohibited**.

2.10 A **Complaint Management Plan** shall be developed and submitted to the Agency, by **December 31, 2024**, to record, investigate, and address complaints of odour and dust from the public promptly upon receipt. Maintain a record of all complaints received and the action taken.

3.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

3.1 Adhere to the provision of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations 2013**.

3.2 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary and hygienic practices. The aesthetic quality of the Project site must be maintained at all times.

3.3 Covered garbage receptacles must be placed at strategic locations around the Project site. Solid waste collected in these receptacles must be disposed of in a manner approved of by the Agency.

3.4 The open burning of solid waste on-site is **strictly prohibited**.

3.5 Maintain a septic tank system on site which shall be accessible for cleaning and desludging. Any modification to the septic tank (s) shall 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*.

4.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

4.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations 2000**.

4.2 The discharge or dumping of solid waste directly into the **receiving waterways** is **strictly prohibited**.

4.3 Ensure that wherever possible water conservation is promoted by restricting wastage and recycling or re-using water where practical.

4.4 Ensure that the drainage system is free of debris and/ or vegetation. Regular cleaning of the drainage network and the immediate environs must be conducted.

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5.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 Adhere to 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.

Residential Limits:

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

- 5.3 Employ reasonable and practical measures to minimize the release of malodours, excessive dust, and gaseous emissions, such as ammonia into the environment, at all times.

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 that 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 Environmental Permit:
- Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, the anticipated manner in which it may endanger human health or the environment.
 - 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.
 - 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 serious environmental harm caused by polluting the environment, pursuant to s. 39 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the contravention of the conditions of this Environmental

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- 7.14 This **Environmental Permit** is effective for the period stipulated herein, **September 2024 to August 2029**.
- 7.15 This **Environmental Permit** shall remain valid until **August 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.
- 7.16 This **Environmental Permit** 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 **February 28, 2029**.
- 7.17 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.
- 7.18 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.

Signed by
Agency.



on behalf of the Environmental Protection


Date

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Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.


- 7.6 The Permit Holder shall 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 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.
- 7.9 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.
- 7.10 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 Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05 and its regulations.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 7.13 **This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**

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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:	Dianne Songster
DESIGNATION:	Owner
SIGNATURE:	
DATE:	17 th April, 2025





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