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**Project Name:** Erection and operation of Ready Mix Concrete Plant for Pre Stress  
Pile

**Project Summary Report**

Application for Environment Authorization for establishment of  
A Ready Mix Concrete Plant, Pre stress pile casting, Diesel Generator and Fuel  
Storage

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**Chapter 1****Description of the proposed project****Project Background and locations.**

The proposed project involves the establishment and operation of a Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) Plant, manufacturing of pre-stressed concrete piles, and the storage of fuel tanks for operational needs. The facility will include dedicated zones for raw material storage (cement, sand, aggregates), mixing and matching systems, casting beds for pre-stressed pile production, curing areas, fuel storage (with appropriate safety measures), and a dispatch area for loading and transportation. The project is designed to support large-scale infrastructure and construction activities, providing consistent and high-quality concrete and piles, while ensuring compliance with all environmental, health, and safety standards.

**Land Description:**

The proposed project site comprises a total of 10 acres, identified as Plot A15, which are portions of the former Plantation Profit and Plantation Henry, located in the Eccles/Ramsburg Local Government District, situated on the East Coast of Demerara.

The combined area will be utilized for the establishment and operation of the Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) Plant, pre-stressed pile manufacturing, and associated facilities.

Plant	Material	Approximate Qty.	Unit
Ready Mix Concrete	Cement	4600.00	MT.
	Aggregate	68853.00	MT.
	Sand for Concrete Work	8700.00	MT.
	Admixture	23600.00	Kg
	Water	2100.00	KL
Diesel Generator	DG for Power Supply	25 KVA to 350 KVA	
Fuel Storage Tank	Diesel	10,000	Gallons



**1.1 Project Details**

Sr. No.	Description	Details
1.	Project Name	Erection and operation of Ready Mix concrete plant for Pre Stress Pile
2.	Camp area	6 Acres of camp area will be utilized for office area, accommodation, Ready Mix Concrete Plant, Diesel Generator & Fuel Tank
3.	Camp Location	Provide an Information of latitude and longitude
4.	Construction Period	6 months
5.	Operation period	Permanent and continuous
6.	Capacity	Ready Mix Concrete plant-90 Cubic meter per hour generator: 25KVA to 320 KVA generators Fuel Tank:10,000 Gallons

**1.2 Physical location and its characteristics – GPS Coordinators**

Location of Ready Mix Concrete Plant and Fuel Storage at the Camp areas:  
Demerara-Mahaica, Guyana

GPS Coordinators: - 6°45'27.108"N, 58°8'46.343"W

Following map showing the details of the base camp area and its nearby locations as per land use pattern



**Fig-2: Layout of the RMC plant on google earth**

The details of nearby locations and distance from the base camp are described in the following table.

Description	Details / Names	Distances
Closest Town	Eccles	3 km
Settlement	Town Area	3 km
Indigenous community	Nil	-----
Waterways	Canal	0.55 km
Land use pattern	Commercial area	0.3 km
Sensitive Receptors	Nil	There are no schools or hospitals within 1 km of the area. The residential area begins 220 meters from the RMC plant location.
Natural resources	Nil	Nil
Non-disputed nature of the land	Nil	Nil

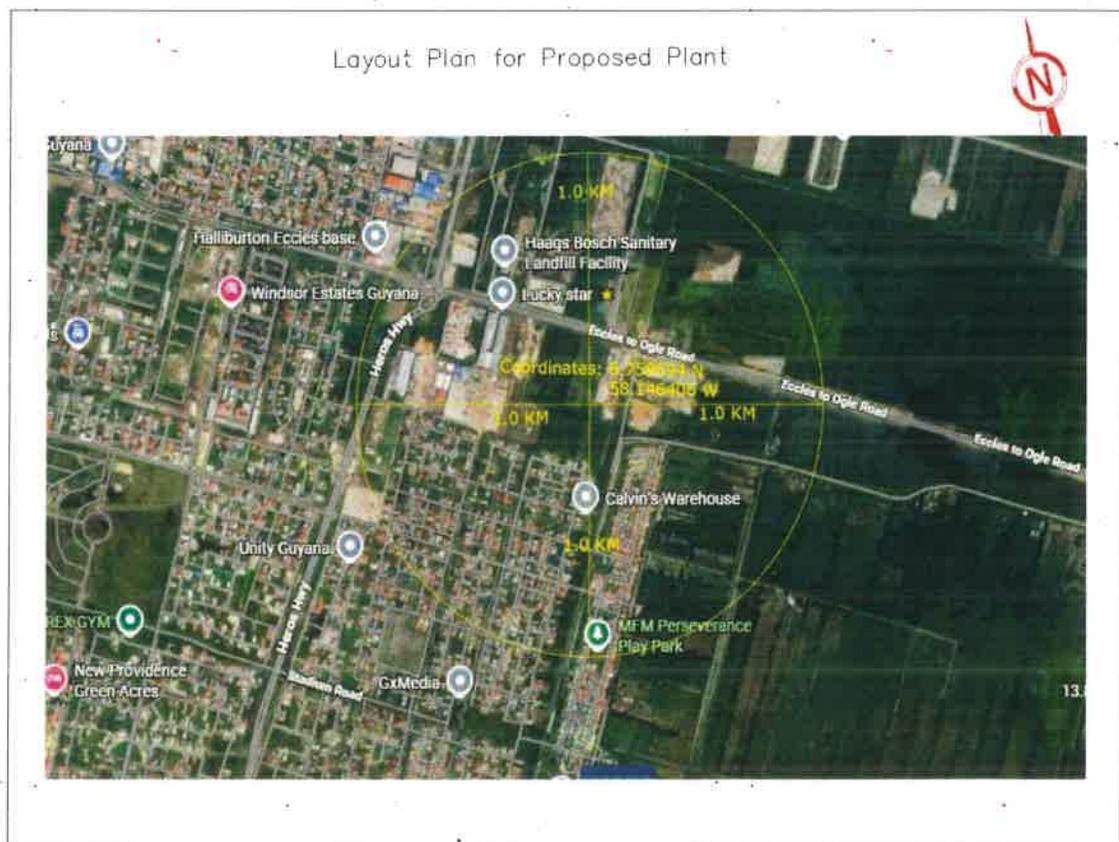


Fig-3: 1KM Radius of RMC plant on google earth

	North	East	South	West
<b>Residential</b>	No		YES	YES
<b>Commercial</b>	YES		NO	NO
<b>Institutional</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>Recreational</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>Industrial</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO
<b>Mixed Use – State</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO

### **1.3 Description of existing baseline information on the physical, ecological, and social environment.**

#### **Physical Environment:**

The project site consists of relatively flat, low-lying terrain with bushy and undeveloped land. The area experiences a tropical climate typical of coastal Guyana, with distinct wet and dry seasons. The soil type is generally clayey and suitable for industrial development, with minimal risk of erosion or flooding when proper drainage is maintained. There is no current infrastructure or built environment present on the site.

#### **2 Ecological Environment:**

The land is currently covered with natural bush and vegetation, with no known presence of protected species or sensitive ecosystems. The site has not been used for agricultural or industrial activity recently, and there are no major watercourses, wetlands, or forests in the immediate vicinity. Wildlife observed is typical of common fauna found in semi-urban bushland and is not considered ecologically sensitive.

#### **3 Social Environment:**

The surrounding area falls under the jurisdiction of the Eccles/Ramsburg Local Government District. The land is located in a zone that is gradually transitioning to light industrial and commercial use. There are no known residential settlements, squatters, or community structures on the project site. However, nearby communities may benefit from employment opportunities, local economic growth, and improved infrastructure due to the project's implementation.

#### **1.4.2.1 Environmental Protection (Hazardous Wastes Management) Regulations, 2000**

These regulations outline the rules and procedures to transport, store, treat and dispose of hazardous wastes. There are no regulations for the management of hazardous substances. These regulations are intended to ensure, through the environmental authorization process, that all operations that generate, transport, treat, store and dispose of hazardous wastes are managed in a manner that protects human health and the environment. The regulations allow for the provision of information on the types of facilities and quantity of hazardous waste generated, treatment standards and efforts to reduce the waste generated. An emergency preparedness plan is required for anyone who operates a hazardous waste facility. For the purposes of that regulation, hazardous material/waste is regarded as the following:

- Flammable liquids
- Flammable solids or waste solids other than explosives which may be readily combustible
- Oxidizing substances
- Organic peroxides
- Poisonous substances
- Infectious substances
- Corrosives
- Toxic gases
- Toxic substances which if inhaled or ingested may cause delayed or chronic effects
- Materials capable, after disposal, of yielding another material which possesses any of the characteristics specified above

The fuel used to power equipment is also classified as a hazardous material. The hazardous wastes regulations will, therefore, apply to fuel oil/used oils at the project site.

#### **1.4.3. Air Quality**

The development has the potential to alter air pollutants concentrations from the baseline situation and may affect people, plants, animals, materials and buildings. Development also has the potential to create a local dust nuisance due to operation of plants to earth-moving and material-handling operations and during periods of dry weather if appropriate mitigation measures are successfully

implemented. Combustion engines may give rise to both routine and non-routine pollutant emissions. Non-routine emissions may include accidental releases

Coarse particles are airborne pollutants that fall between 2.5 and 10 micrometers in diameter. Fine particles are airborne pollutants that fall below 2.5 micrometers in diameter. Sources of coarse particles include crushing or grinding operations, and dust stirred up by vehicles traveling on roads. Sources of fine particles include all types of combustion, including motorvehicles, residential wood burning, and some industrial processes.

#### **1.4.3.1 Policy, Legislation and Regulatory Framework**

##### **1.4.3.1.1 Environmental Protection Air Quality Regulations 2000**

Environmental Protection (Air Quality) regulations were developed in 2000 under the Environmental Protection Act 1996. In accordance with these regulations anyone who emits any air contaminant in the construction, installation, operation, modification or extension of any facility related to industry, commerce, agriculture or any institution shall apply to the EPA for an environmental authorization and shall apply to the EPA at least one hundred and eighty days before the date on which the emission is to commence. In accordance with the regulations, the EPA shall establish parameter limits with respect to the emission of smoke, solid particles, sulfuric acid mist or sulfuric trioxide, fluoride compounds, hydrogen chloride, chlorine, hydrogensulfide, nitric acid or oxides of nitrogen and carbon monoxide. No parameters limits have been mandated to date.

##### **1.4.3.1.2 WHO Guidelines**

The WHO guideline values are based on the lowest concentration of a pollutant that has been shown to produce adverse health effects or the level at which no observed health effect has been demonstrated, plus a margin of protection to safeguard sensitive groups within the population. Sensitive groups include people with asthma, those with pre-existing heart and lung diseases, the elderly, infants, and pregnant women and their unborn babies. Some pollutants, notably carcinogenic pollutants (e.g. arsenic, benzene, chromium, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and vinyl chloride have not been given a guideline value. Instead, exposure-effect information is provided, giving guidance to risk managers about the major health impact for short- and long-term exposure to various levels of this pollutant.

The WHO guideline values are based on health considerations alone and do not consider the technical feasibility or the economic, political and social dimensions of

attainment. In the absence of parameter limits, this project proposes to adhere to WHO Ambient Air Quality (2007) and World Bank Guidelines. The WHO ambient air quality guidelines are detailed below

Pollutant	Averaging Time	Guideline Value
PM 2.5	24 h	25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Annual	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
PM 10	24 h	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Annual	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Nitrogen dioxide	1 h	200 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	Annual	40 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Sulphur dioxide	10 min	500 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	1 h	
	3 h	
	24 h	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Carbon monoxide	15 min	100 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	30 min	60 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	1 h	30 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
	8 h	10 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Ozone	8 h	100 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Benzene	Annual	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup>

#### WHO Air Quality Guidelines

##### Particulate matter (<10 µm)

Annual Arithmetic Mean 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Maximum 24-hour Average 500 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

##### Nitrogen Oxides as NO<sub>2</sub>

Annual Arithmetic Mean 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Maximum 24-hour Average 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

##### Sulphur Dioxide

Annual Arithmetic Mean 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Maximum 24-hour Average 500 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### 1.4.4 Noise and Vibrations

Noise is essentially unwanted sound and deals with people's subjective responses to

objective reality. It is the annoyance caused by noise that is critical in ESIA. Sound consists of pressure variations that are detectable by the healthy human ear. These pressure variations have two key characteristics: frequency and amplitude. Sound frequency refers to how quickly the air vibrates, or how close the sound waves are to each other (in cycles per second, or Hertz (Hz)). Environmental noise can be dominated by a particular frequency or it may be described as 'broadband', i.e. comprises a range of different frequencies.

#### **1.4.4.1 Policy, Legislation and Regulatory Framework**

##### **1.4.4.1.1 Environmental Protection Noise Management Regulations 2000**

Under these regulations operations that emit noise in the execution of various activities such as construction, transport, industry, commerce, and other institutions are required to apply to the agency for an environmental authorization. The EPA is responsible for the establishment of standards for permissible noise levels in industry, construction and other areas. The categories for which permissible noise levels are fixed by the EPA are as follows: Residential, Institutional, Educational, Industrial, Commercial, Construction, Transportation and Recreational. The Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) and the EPA together with other relevant agencies developed Interim Guidelines for Noise Emission into the Environment. Under these guidelines, noise emissions from Industrial and Commercial sources for both days (06:00h – 18:00h) and night (18:00h – 06:00h) would be 100 and 80 decibels (Industrial) and 80 and 65 decibels (commercial) respectively at the property boundary or 15 meters from the source.

##### **1.4.4.1.2 World Health Organization**

The Guidelines for Community Noise (WHO 1999) are health-based guidelines that incorporate influential noise standards as part of a framework for noise management. The guidelines recommend internal and external noise levels that will prevent detrimental effects on a community, including rest, sleep, and work that requires concentration, amongst others;

To protect the majority of people from serious annoyance during the daytime, the noise level on balconies, terraces and outdoor living areas should not exceed 55 dB LAeq for a steady continuous noise. To protect the majority of people from being moderately annoyed during the daytime, the outdoor noise level should not exceed 50 dB LAeq

#### **1.4.5. Hazardous Waste and Waste Management Material**

Chemicals such as epoxy, gypsum, additives, admixtures, cement, bitumen, oil and Diesel used for construction activity. The Environmental Protection Hazardous Waste Management Regulations provides regulations for chemical waste control and administers the possession, storage, collection, transport, and disposal of chemical wastes. Impacts can arise throughout the waste management supply chain and therefore the generation, storage, collection and transport, reuse, recycling, recovery, treatment, and disposal of waste are all taken into account when assessing impacts. The impacts can be derived from inert waste or construction and demolition materials such as surplus excavated soil and rock, rubble and bricks; non-hazardous waste or general reuse such food waste, packaging waste and other general wastes from construction, businesses, industry and households; and hazardous or chemical waste such as oils, batteries and other waste exhibiting hazardous properties.

Waste is considered to be inert if it does not undergo any significant physical, chemical or biological transformations; and does not dissolve, burn or otherwise physically or chemically react, biodegrade or adversely affect other matter with which it comes into contact in a way likely to give rise to environmental pollution or harm to human health. Certain categories of municipal, industrial and construction waste (e.g. brick rubble) may be considered inert.

##### **1.4.5.1. Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste) Management Regulations**

These regulations outline rules and procedures for the transport, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous substances, with the intent of protecting human health and the environment. For the purposes of these regulations, hazardous materials and wastes are:

- ◆ Flammable liquids
- ◆ Flammable solids or waste solids other than explosives which may be readily combustible
- ◆ Oxidizing substances
- ◆ Organic peroxides
- ◆ Poisonous substances
- ◆ Infectious substances
- ◆ Corrosives
- ◆ Toxic gases

- ◆ Toxic substances which if inhaled or ingested may cause delayed or chronic effects
- ◆ Toxic substances which, if released, may present immediate or delayed adverse impacts to the environment by means of bioaccumulation and or toxic effects upon system

Material capable, after disposal, of yielding another material which possesses any of the characteristics specified above.

## **Chapter 02**

### **Description of the project design**

The project is designed to establish a fully functional **Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) Plant, Pre-Stressed Concrete Pile Production Facility, and Fuel Storage Area**, all within a total area of 6 acres.

The layout will include the following key components:

- **Concrete Batching Plant Area:** Equipped with silos for cement storage, aggregate storage bins, water tanks, mixers, conveyors, and a control room for plant operations.
- **Pre-Stressed Pile Manufacturing Zone:** Includes casting beds, tensioning equipment, curing areas, and a dedicated storage yard for finished products.
- **Fuel Storage Facility:** A secured section of the site will be allocated for above-ground fuel tanks, installed with proper containment systems, safety valves, fire protection, and access controls.
- **Raw Material Storage:** Separate zones for storing sand, aggregates, and cement under sheltered or covered conditions to avoid contamination.
- **Dispatch & Vehicle Movement Area:** Adequate loading zones, parking areas for trucks and mixers, and internal roadways for smooth vehicular movement.
- **Drainage and Utilities:** A site-wide drainage system will be installed to manage surface runoff and prevent waterlogging. Provision will also be made for power supply, water systems, and sanitary facilities for workers.
- **Office and Administrative Block:** A small building to accommodate management staff, site supervision, and meeting rooms.

The design ensures operational efficiency, environmental protection, worker safety, and compliance with local building and industrial standards.

#### **1. Activities associated with all development stages**

The project construction phases include following major activities which will be undertaken during the completion.

- Site clearance (removal of bush vegetation)
- Site grading and leveling

- Construction of foundations and structural components of the RMC plant and pre-stressed pile unit
- Installation of batching equipment, silos, conveyors, and curing beds
- Erection of fuel storage tanks with containment measures
- Development of internal roads, drainage, and utility connections
- Construction of office and administrative block
- Installation of safety systems (fire extinguishers, emergency exits, spill kits)

## **2. Details of raw material to the finished product;**

The proposed project will involve the production of Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) and Pre-Stressed Concrete Piles, both of which require a well-defined process starting from the intake of raw materials to the delivery of finished products.

For Ready-Mix Concrete, the primary raw materials include cement (typically Ordinary Portland Cement), fine aggregates (washed sand), coarse aggregates (crushed stone or gravel), potable water, and chemical admixtures as required for specific mix designs. These materials will be delivered to the site and stored in designated silos, bins, and tanks. The concrete batching process involves proportioning the raw materials based on approved mix designs, feeding them into an automated mixing plant, and producing uniform concrete mixes. The fresh concrete will then be loaded into transit mixers and dispatched to various construction sites in a workable state, ready for immediate use.

For the production of Pre-Stressed Concrete Piles, the raw materials include cement, aggregates (both fine and coarse), water, high-tensile steel wires or strands, and admixtures. The manufacturing process begins with the placement and tensioning of high-tensile steel wires on casting beds. Once the wires are in place, concrete is poured into moulds surrounding the steel. The concrete is then compacted and cured using either steam or water curing methods to achieve the required strength. After curing, the tension in the steel wires is released, transferring stress to the hardened concrete, thereby forming strong, durable pre-stressed piles. These piles are then removed from the moulds and stored for delivery. The entire production process—from raw material intake to finished product dispatch—will be managed in accordance with industry standards and environmental, health, and safety regulations to ensure quality, safety, and sustainability.

**3. Details of Natural Resources:**

Raw materials will be sourced locally for production of concrete

Plant	Material	Approximate Qty.	Unit
Ready Mix Concrete	Cement	4600.00	MT.
	Aggregate	68853.00	MT.
	Sand for Concrete Work	8700.00	MT.
	Admixture	23600.00	Kg
	Water	2100.00	KLD

**4. Details of utility services**

1. Electrical Energy - Diesel generators will be used for electrical supply for plant operations.
2. Water will be used for plant operations by local suppliers from river source

**5. Waste Management:**

The following strategies shall be adopted for appropriate solid waste collection system to be functioned properly:

1. Setting waste management points (not permanent structure, movable high-quality movable plastic bins; in strategic points of the construction camp and work sites.
2. Introduce solid waste bins for organic and non-organic waste.
3. Coordinate with the local agency for disposal of waste.

Following are the details of probable quantity of waste generated and method of disposals

Plant	Waste Category	Disposal and Reuse methods
RMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concrete waste from RMC Plant</li> <li>• (Non-Hazardous waste and Can be recyclable )</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Concrete waste management in order to reduce the amount of returned generated concrete or spilled concrete, it is important to make the prior planning in detail, so that the above concrete could be used elsewhere (in house purpose or by external users).</li> <li>• The returned concrete can be used for the following purposes. Concrete products can be used to develop in-house products such as sheds, floors, platforms, haul, roads, flower pots, safety delineators, cones etc. where the quality of the concrete is not a criterion: Concrete also could be donated to the nearby areas for their housing construction which strengthens the community relationships.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batching Plant waste (Non-Hazardous waste and Can be recyclable )</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reuse and recycle of solid waste at a batching plant</li> <li>• Aggregates extracted from the used washing water from the RMC batching plant operations should be used for road sub-bases and aggregates for the concrete.</li> <li>• Sludge cake generated from the RMC batching plant treatment unit should be used for the road sub bases after being treated with consolidation; as a raw material for cement and for concrete products.</li> <li>• Fine powders of dry sludge obtained from the batching plant settling through the process of drying and grinding should be used for the addition of concrete, hardening soft ground, and deoxidizing acid soil.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used Oil</li> <li>• (Hazardous waste and Can be recyclable )</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-Use as a Anti corrosive agent for shuttering plate and Construction Material/plate/rebar for easy release and clean surface of shutter</li> <li>• For vehicle maintenance work</li> <li>• Used oils can also be used on form boards to allow for easy stripping and chain saws as lubrication</li> </ul>

The details of waste management practices are included in the feasibility reports attached as Annexure 01 for RMC

**6. Project Construction duration**

The construction phase of the project is expected to be completed within a period of **6 to 8 months**, commencing upon receipt of all necessary approvals and mobilization of resources and operational period is

**7. Decommissioning plan**

When the project reaches the end of its use, all equipment and structures will be safely taken down, and the area will be cleaned and restored. The goal is to return the site to a safe and usable condition with no harm to people or the environment.

The process will include:

- Stopping all plant operations and turning off machinery
- Taking apart and removing all plant equipment and fuel tanks
- Disposing of any remaining materials, waste, or chemicals properly
- Cleaning the full site, including storage areas and working zones
- Checking the land for any pollution and fixing it if needed
- Leveling the ground and preparing it for future use or natural recovery

All decommissioning work will be done following safety and environmental rules set by the authorities.

### Chapter-3:

#### Potential Impacts and their Significance

This chapter presents the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study undertaken for the construction of the Camp area (Plant setup area).

#### **3.1 Assessment of Environmental Impacts**

This ESIA defines direct impacts as environmental changes directly associated with project activities. The impact assessment, in this ESIA, is based on the following:

- An understanding of the nature of the proposed project, including project design, production activities, timing, and decommissioning.
- Information about the relevant receptors and how they respond to changes/disturbances.
- The effectiveness of mitigation measure for similar projects
- Existing and previously approved projects which can contribute to cumulative impacts

Both qualitative and quantitative methods were used to determine the magnitude of impacts (severity), duration, reversibility/irreversibility and geographic extent in addition to the frequency of impacts. Qualitative assessments employ ratings such as neutral, slight, moderate or large and are applied to both negative and positive impacts. Qualitative assessments are used where quantitative assessments are difficult or impossible, for instance in a landscape, archaeological, or biodiversity assessment. Quantitative assessments involve measurement or calculation of numerical values, e.g. the level of a pollutant in relation to a statutory threshold value.

Information on potential impacts from the construction and operation of the project has been obtained from various sources, including consultation with the EPA, the public consultations process, ESIA's for similar projects in Guyana and worldwide; literature, research, and independent modeling and analysis. The project team used professional judgment, fieldwork, and computerized analysis to identify potential impacts and their interactions. The methodology which was used to identify and assess the potential physical and social impacts of the proposed project is described in the following sections.

The assessment of impacts for each environmental component followed the

sequence below: Characterization of the baseline undertaken;

- Identification of the sources of impacts and the impacts themselves for specific environmental components, during the construction operation and closer phases of the project.
- Rating of the impacts on a specific environmental component, before any mitigation (for negative impacts) or enhancement (for positive impact) is implemented.
- Recommended mitigation and enhancement measures on a specific environmental component to address the impact.
- Rating the impacts after mitigation, on a specific environmental component, to produce a "residual" impact rating

### **3.2 Extent of Impacts:**

This ESIA defines geographic extent as to how far an effect propagates. Localized adverse environmental effects may not be significant, while widespread effects may be significant. Geographic extent considers the extent to which environmental effects, caused by the project, may occur in areas far removed from it.

The geographical area of the influence that may be affected due to proposed activity will be a circle of approx. 1 km radial distance from camp area in terms of various aspects of the environment such as,

1. Physical impacts on landscape, soil, water, air and natural resources:

Typical of these would be changes of topography/ landscape, erosion and dust emissions, soil quality alteration in particular area, water quality alterations in nearby adjacent stream, use of natural resources water and aggregate.

2. Ecological impacts on flora and fauna:

Indirect impacts are defined as environmental changes not directly associated with project activities which occur at a distance from the project because of complex pathways. Indirect impacts are referred to as second or third level impacts or secondary impacts. This ESIA also considers induced development impacts, including possible increases in population and related environmental impacts and cross-media impacts.

Following the loss of vegetation caused by the road's construction in a given location, the land use pattern will alter. As a result, some biological changes may take place in the flora and fauna's habitats.

3. Social impacts on economic and cultural aspects.

The categorization of impacts into positive or negative (adverse) impacts is not necessarily simple as project impacts may have both positive and negative effects, for example, one group may benefit while another is disadvantaged or the impact may be positive socio-economically but not ecologically. Local skilled unskilled workers will find employment during the construction period. The underdeveloped region of Georgetown City will be developed in addition to the socio-economic benefits. Temporary noise pollution may create disturbance in social life due to various construction activities.

**3.2.1 Impacts on Water Environment:**

**Impact Prediction and Evaluation**

Ground water quality may be negatively impacted during maintenance work of machineries/ equipment's and accidental discharges of fuels, oils, and grease. These are high impacts (medium-term, high severity, regional extent). The potential for accidental spills of fuels, oils, and grease and the associated contamination of ground water will be minimized by implementation of a Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan. This plan detail measures which will be implemented to prevent, and if necessary, contain spills of fuels, oils, or other contaminants.

Spills of fuel and oils from equipment and from fuel storage can flow to the underlying aquifer and potentially impact groundwater quality. This will result in high impacts (long term, high severity, regional extent) to ground water quality. Potential combination of the underlying aquifer will be minimized by installing drip pans on all equipment, enforcing a program to check for equipment leaks and implementation of the Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan (SPCP). The SPCP will detail plans for utilization of sorbents, biological agents, chemical dispersants and gelling agents. All fuel will be stored within containment walls designed to contain 110 percent of the tank contents. Implementation of these mitigation measures will result in low residual impacts (short-term, low severity, local extent) to groundwater quality.

Project phase	Conditions	Potential environmental impact	Significance
Construction and Rehabilitation Phase	fuel/oil spills	Water contamination from fuel/oil Spills	Ex, Irr, LT, Av, M, Sig
	Erosion and Sedimentation	Surface runoff to water ways from construction activities: culvert, bridge and road construction; base camp resulting in discoloration and sedimentation.	Lo, Rev, ST, Av, M, Sig.
	Waste disposal	Improper disposal of solid waste from worker camp.	Ex, Re, LT, Av, M, Sig.
Operational Phase	Water	Contamination and siltation as a result of erosion and Sedimentation	Ex, Re, LT, Av, M, Sig
		Contamination from spills such as fuel and waste oil	Ex, Irr, LT, Av, M, Sig
		Contamination of soil from insecticide/chemical spills	Lo, Irr, ST, Av, M, Sig
		Contamination from improper waste disposal including solid and liquid waste	Ex, Re, LT, Av, M, Sig
<b>Impact Significance Parameters</b>			
Lo – Localized	Ex – Extensive	Rev – Reversible	Irr. Irreversible
ST – Short Term	LT – Long Term	Av. – Avoidable	Un - unavoidable
Sig. – Significant	Insig. Insignificant	M. – Mitigable	UM – Unmitigable

Table 3.1: Summary of Water Resource Impact

### 3.2.2 Soils, Land and Geology

#### Impact Prediction and Evaluation

Potential impacts to soil could result from the development of the roads and the connectors from vegetation clearance of the project area and infrastructure area footprints. Soil is a complex ecosystem containing millions of living things, including small rodents, insects, worms, algae, fungi, and bacteria. These organisms are important for mixing, aerating the soil particles and aiding in the release or conversion of nutrients in soils into forms that are useful for plants. The development and maintenance of the terrestrial ecosystems, in the project area, depends upon the surficial soils as basic components of the system. Construction activities will result in soil degradation since minerals necessary to support the ecosystem may be depleted by construction activities. These are moderate impacts (long-term moderate severity, local extent).

The construction will be restricted to the proposed project area; compaction, rutting and erosion would, therefore, be localized to these areas. These impacts to soil resources are expected to be low (short-term, low severity, local extent). No mitigation would be required. The environmental impacts that are likely to result from the aforementioned activities

Project Phase	Conditions	Potential environmental impact	Significance
<b>Construction and Rehabilitation Phase</b>	Land clearing for the construction of the base camp and roads.	Loss of land through direct land takes for project components. Removal of vegetation, where necessary, to facilitate construction of project facilities, thus, may contribute to erosion.	Lo, Irr, LT, Un, M, Insig.
Disposal Materials (vegetation).	Improper disposal of vegetation from land clearing.	Lo, Irr, LT, UM, Un, Insig.	Disposal of Materials (vegetation).

**Table 3.2: Potential Impacts and their Significance**

### **3.2.3 Air Environment:**

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### **3.7. Social Impact Management:**

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**Impact Identification:**

Sr. No.	Impact	Mitigation Measures/ Social Benefits						
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2.	Employment generation for local groups	Positive: During the period of production local people will get employment.						
3.	Developmental Activities	Infrastructural developments supplies with better quality						
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**Chapter-4:****Description of proposed environmental management and mitigation measures**

This chapter presents the proposed Environmental Management plan and implementation of mitigation measures. On respective environmental and social impacts may occur on setting up the camp area (Plant setup area).

**4.1. Mitigation Measure to prevent impact on water environment:**

Ground water contamination will be minimized by implementation of a proposed Spill Prevention and Contingency Plan. This plan gives detail measures which will be implemented to prevent spills of fuels, oils, or other contaminants.

Implementation of these mitigation measures will result in low residual impacts (short-term, lowseverity, local extent).

Mitigation measures will include the following:

- Proper disposal of sludge (i.e., in a secure landfill); Storm water runoff from developed areas will be channeled through several oil-water separators prior to discharge to ground and surface water;
- Placing solid waste into garbage bins with cover.
- Using of trays to collect oil spillage near workshop, Oil storage room.
- Ensure adequate drainage around camp sites
- Ensure fuel and other chemicals are stored as recommended by Environmental Protection Hazardous Waste (Regulations) 2000
- Ensure workshop area is covered so as to prevent storm water/runoff being contaminated
- Ensure grey water from the washroom is discharged via a soak-away system
- No dumping of solid waste into water bodies should be allowed
- Care should be taken to ensure that downstream sedimentation during construction is minimized and temporary water crossing are to be decommissioned after their period of usages to ensure that they do not collapse and block stream flow.
- Removal of soil vegetative cover should be kept at a minimum and should only be carried out with absolute necessity
- To avoid oil contaminants into water bodies, a system for the proper collection and disposal of lubricants at both site and maintenance depot should be maintained;
- In the absence of a sewage system, portable toilets located far away from

groundwater aquifers; and

Implementation of these mitigation measures will result in low impacts (short-term, low severity, local extent).

#### **4.1.2 Monitoring**

The following four types of monitoring will be employed

- **Inspections** planned and conducted on a regular basis to ensure that mitigation measures and commitments are properly maintained and implemented, and that specific management procedures are being followed.
- **Receptor monitoring** undertaken to confirm that activities at the site are not resulting in an unacceptable deterioration in the quality of habitats or infrastructure.
- **Compliance monitoring** involving periodic sampling or continuous recording of specific environmental quality indicators or discharge levels to ensure compliance of discharges and emissions with project standards.

The outputs from monitoring will be used in the following ways:

- To provide early warning for asset/ site management, to assess mitigation measures on a day to day basis to suit evolving conditions.
- To enable the consultants and the contractors to demonstrate that mitigation measures and procedures laid down in mitigation plans are being followed and operations are being conducted within compliance limits.
- To provide formal assurance to the EPA and other regulatory authorities that the project is compliant with regulations and agreed limits and that relevant mitigation/enhancement measures are being adhered to

#### **4.1.3 Fuel storage / Oil Management**

Spills of fuel oil could result in surface and groundwater contamination. Fuel oil storage areas will be located well away from areas of fire hazard and all fuel will be barged and/or trucked to site by secure fuel trucks and transferred into fuel storage tanks that are founded on impervious concrete surfaces. The fuel tanks will be housed within banded enclosures. The enclosures will be sized to retain the contents of 120% of the largest tank in the event of tank failure. Discharge from fuel storage areas will be channeled to oil water separators prior to being discharged to surface water.

Indiscriminate dumping of waste oil will not be permitted under any circumstances. Waste oil will be stored in approved containers, under a secondary containment to deal effectively with any leakage or spillage, before dispose of via a recommended method, and/ sold to lumber companies. Liquids, spent oils, fuels and lubricants will be collected and returned in drums to oil companies

#### **4.1.4 Spill Contingency Plan**

Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and the Spill Prevention and Cleanup Control (SPCC) Plan will be formulated and the elements of each plan are detailed below;

##### **4.1.4a Emergency Response Plans**

The objective of the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is the protection of the communities and the environment in the project area of influence through the development of emergency response strategies and capabilities. This Emergency Response Plan details measures to respond to potential releases of chemicals, process wastewater, fuel oils and/or other hazardous material. In addition, it details emergency response procedures for potential release of hazardous material which is being transported to the site. Examination of the proposed project has identified several possible scenarios which may require the activation of emergency response procedure. Emergency response actions will be needed for the following;

- Spills of fuel/oil or other hazardous material during road transport to the site
- Releases of fuel/oil or other hazardous material during unloading and mixing
- Releases of fuel/oil or other hazardous material during fires and explosions and
- Release of fuel/oil or other hazardous material due to pipe, valve and tank ruptures
- Fire of fuel/oil or other hazardous material due to fire source

This ERP describes specific response actions, as appropriate for each emergency situations identified above. The response actions include

- Clearing site personnel from the area of exposure, notification to operational, management and response personnel
- Use of antidotes and first aid measures for chemical exposure
- Control of releases at their source, containment of releases, assessment of

the release and mitigation of the releases

- Implementation of measures to prevent reoccurrence of releases.

The Emergency Response Center will be the closest healthcare facility in the vicinity, located in Eccles, about 5 km to the west. The coordinators will have explicit authority to commit the resources necessary to implement the ERP. Emergency response teams would be identified and would be appropriately trained and prepared. After the commencement of construction, this ERP shall be extended to include call-out procedures and 24-hour contact information for the coordinators and response team members.

All personnel involved in hazardous waste management would be trained to recognize and respond to situations which can result in releases to the environment.

The training will include;

- Identification of procedures to be followed if a chemical release is discovered, including notification of the appropriate site personnel;
- Measures to assure worker safety, and methods to stop or contain the release, if possible

The following list of equipment and supplies will be provided for response to emergencies

- Earthmoving Equipment
- Mobile Generators
- Sand and Gravel
- Pumps
- Pipes
- Absorbents

The Regional Democratic Council of Region 4 will be notified of the potential problem and will be kept advised of the situation. During these contacts, the agencies will be requested to indicate if there are any immediate actions that can be taken to reduce the risk of the emergency and if necessary, preventative actions will be implemented. An Emergency Response Coordinator will be assigned the task to continuously monitor the situation and to coordinate emergency action if required. If there is a release of fuel oil or other hazardous material, all persons and communities within the vicinity will be notified immediately and efforts will be coordinated with others to reduce impacts associated with the release. The EPA will be immediately notified.

All transport vehicles will be fitted with absorbent material. If there is a spill/leak of fuel oil or other hazardous material onto roadways during transportation to/from the site, prompt action will be taken to contain the leak or spillage. All combustibles/ignition sources such as running engine, likely to result in fires, will be removed from the vicinity of the spill and anyone in the area will be advised to stay upwind of the spill. Absorbent material in the transport vehicle will be used to cover small spills. The vehicle operator will immediately notify the Contractor which will assign an Emergency Response Coordinator to respond to the emergency. A berm will be constructed around the spill area to control runoff to surface water.

All soils impacted by the spills will be excavated from the spill area and disposed in accordance with the hazardous waste management procedures. In the events of spills to surface waters, fauna will be trapped and will be relocated to areas within proximity of the site, which are the same ecologically as the spill area.

Spills of fuel oil will be responded to by the addition of surfactants and by retrievals with skimmers. Other chemicals, which cannot be recovered manually, chemically or by mechanical means will be allowed to naturally degrade by dilution and dispersion

Fire control equipment like fire extinguishers, sand buckets etc. will be installed at the camp area by considering the potential fire sources and fire loads.

#### **4.1.4b Spill Prevention and Cleanup Contingency Plan**

The SPCC Plan addresses the following

- Operating procedures to prevent oil spills
- Control measures which will be installed to prevent a spill from reaching navigable waters, and
- Countermeasures to contain, clean up, and mitigate the effects of any spill which discharge to surface or ground water

This SPCCP also sets out an organized, planned and coordinated course of action to be followed in case of a fire, explosion, or release of hazardous material which could threaten human health or the environment. The SPCC Plan would be implemented for on-site, as well as off-site releases that could threaten human health and the environment, even if the Emergency Response Coordinator does not believe that the spill will leave the site. The Plan deals with threats to facility personnel, as well as with threats to people outside the facility. Appended to this SPCCP, will be information such as contact list and phone numbers for the

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The SPCC Plan will be reviewed, and be immediately amended whenever the following situations apply:

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- The list of emergency coordinators changes
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### **Monitoring Plan**

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Chapter-5Project Assumptions and Environmental Management Framework

The project activities are involved following assumptions and uncertainties:

Aspect	Performance Objective	Assumptions / Goals	Controls
Air Emission /Air Quality	To maintain air quality, to minimize the potential impact of construction related air emissions, including dust, on site or adjacent Communities	No complaints received from neighboring communities relating to air quality and related to site activities. No adverse irreversible impacts on site values. No impacts on staff/worker health	The Contractors shall be required to identify and implement an Air Emissions and Air Quality Management measures to ensure compliance with these objectives and goals
Water Discharges	Minimize the impact of water movement on and off site and its associated erosions, sedimentation and potential pollution effects	No extended or unmanaged areas of erosion on-site, and any sediment deposition or run-off across or from the site. No discharge of sediment No discharges to roadways of private property No modification to the existing drainage patterns No uncontrolled storm water discharges or discharges from dewatering of excavations No pollution incidents.	The Contractors shall be required to identify and implement site specific Water Discharge Management measures to ensure compliance with these objectives and goals.
Noise and Vibration	To provide a safe working environment for workers To minimize disruption/impacts due to general public and property elevated noise and vibrations	No complaints from residents about noise or vibrations Informed public about potential noise levels and mitigation efforts No noise levels above EPA standards	The Contractors shall be required to submit a Noise and Vibration Management measures to ensure compliance with these objectives and goals.

<p>Traffic and vehicle movement</p>	<p>To provide a safe working environment and minimize disruption/impacts to the local traffic, neighbors and the public.                  To ensure no traffic impacts on, fenced or environmentally sensitive areas                  To ensure that the community is informed of all changes or planned disruption of local and highway traffic</p>	<p>No extended or unannounced disturbance to local traffic, neighbors and the public.                  No unauthorized parking                  No traffic accidents associated with project vehicles or use of local roads and highways.                  No vehicle or machinery impacts on environmentally sensitive areas                  No storage of vehicles and material on roads</p>	<p>The Contractors shall be required to submit a Traffic Control Management Plan to ensure compliance with these objectives and goals:</p>
<p>Materials and Construction Wastes</p>	<p>Effective Storage and handling of materials Maximize reuse of materials</p>	<p>No evidence of site contamination as the result of waste. No waste disposal infringements                  No residual materials after use of storage locations No disposal of useful materials</p>	<p>The Contractors shall be required to submit a Construction Materials and Waste Management Plan to ensure compliance with these objectives and goals</p>

**Annexure-1: Ready Mix Concrete – Feasibility report**