

Environmental Impacts Screening Decision

Citizens Bank Guyana Inc.

Parcel 1423, Bartica, Region 7

Project location and components



The proposed Banking Facility is to be located on Parcel 1423, Bartica, Region 7. This plot is surrounded by residents and the Essequibo River to the further North, approximately 500m away. The main components of this proposed facility entails;

- A main Building Structure of dimensions 64ft 7inches x 64ft 7inches
- Two security huts of dimensions 12ft 2inches x 7ft 4inches
- One Utility Building of dimensions 16ft 5inches x 34ft
- One Parking lot of dimensions (59ft 2inches x 88ft) x (54ft x 2ft)
- One Reservoir to be constructed underground with dimensions 24ft x 6ft 8inches
- One septic tank of dimensions 14ft x 6ft 8inches

This Banking facility is proposed to be the company's first branch in the Town of Bartica.

Environmental impact screening

The EPA's screening concludes that there are no identifiable significant environmental impacts nor is the project deemed environmentally sensitive. Impacts arising from the construction and operational phases of the project are minor, localized, and there will be an emergency response plan as well as a detailed waste management plan that will be prepared providing measures to avoid, prevent and mitigate impacts during the construction and operation phases of this proposed project.

- The project is a Branch of the existing Citizen Bank, with its mother office located in Georgetown. Impacts will be neutral to low. The facility proposes to contribute to the town's economic development which will be a positive impact.
- Impacts from noise will be low to moderate and primarily during construction; it will be short term and localized.
- Impacts from dust pollution will be low to moderate and primarily during construction; this will be short term and localized. The construction material on site will be covered to prevent the spread of dust to surrounding residents downwind and in close proximity.
- The Essequibo River is located approximately 500m away from the proposed site. There are no foreseen impacts that will be posed by this project.
- Project activities will have low to minor effects on the existing ecological or biological (flora or fauna) biodiversity of the surrounding area, since this area has already been developed for housing and has long been influenced by such development. However, during construction which will be short term, measures exist to avoid, prevent and/or mitigate negative impacts.
- Due diligence and proactive management of all pre-construction, construction and operational activities will ensure limited disturbance to the daily business activities undertaken within the project area, and surrounding business and community activities.
- Operation activities are restricted to a Commercial Banking Facility.

Conclusion and recommendations

According to the EPA, there are no significant impacts foreseen from the proposed implementation of this project. In addition this project is not considered to be environmentally sensitive, with the expected development and operational impacts to be small, confined, and manageable.

The proposed facility will have a positive economic impact.