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## Operation 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.:	20201027-PPSLY
Fee:	Small (C1) US\$100 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$500: Five (5) years (May, 2021 – April, 2026)

Addressee: Mr. Parmanand Paramhance,  
Proprietor  
P. Parmanand and Sons Lumber Yard  
Lot 8 Section 'A'  
No 71 Village  
Corentyne Berbice



Activity: Operation of a Lumber Yard (Without Processing)

Mr. Parmanand Paramhance, trading and operating under the name, P. Parmanand and Sons Lumber Yard, 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 Lumber Yard (Without Processing), located at Lot 8, Section 'A,' No 71 Village, Corentyne Berbice, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on November 02, 2020, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, existing and/or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act and/or any other applicable laws, best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

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

### 1.0 OPERATION

- 1.1 Notify the Agency in writing and obtain its approval for **ANY** proposed changes in the operation at least **fourteen (14) days before** making the change. The

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notification shall contain a **description of the proposed change in operation**. It is not necessary to make such a notification if **an Application to vary** this permit has been made and the Application contains a description of the proposed change. In this condition '**change in operation**' means a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension, of the installation, which may have consequences for the environment, including but not limited to the following:

- i. Changes in construction, structure, layout of the facility;
  - ii. Installation of new and/or changes to equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system or technology serving the facility or operation;
  - iii. Any technology installed at the facility from which effluent may be discharged;
  - iv. Any other variance prescribed by Condition 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Ensure that the transport of lumber to and from your Project site is done in a manner that would prevent adverse impacts to public safety.
  - 1.3 Ensure that trucks are equipped with the necessary reflective signage to warn the public of impending danger of parked/moving trucks with lumber on the public thoroughfares.
  - 1.4 Ensure that the transportation of lumber to and from your operation does not impede traffic on roadways. Lumber must be contained within the boundaries of the project site.
  - 1.5 Ensure that adequate provisions are in place for ingress and egress to the site. **Storage of lumber is prohibited on the road reserve; unless, specified otherwise in writing by the Neighborhood Democratic Council.**
  - 1.6 Maintain suitable storage facilities (racks and shelves) for all items. These facilities must be so organised that free and adequate passage is maintained. Over-crowding of the lumber yard and/or over-stacking of lumber are prohibited.
  - 1.7 Load and offload lumber between 06:00h to 18:00h to minimise disturbance to residents.
  - 1.8 Maintain a valid Fire Safety Certificate from the Guyana Fire Service. All firefighting equipment must be maintained and serviced on a regular basis. The

Fire Certificate must be presented to officers of the Agency upon request, during a compliance inspections and in Annual Reports.

- 1.9 Provide adequate fire protection measures such as fire extinguishers and sand buckets in accordance with the Guyana Fire Service's approval.

## **2.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013**.
- 2.2 Maintain good house-keeping, sanitary and hygienic practices. The aesthetic quality of your surroundings must be maintained at all times.
- 2.3 Promote proper solid waste management practices at Project site. Covered garbage receptacles must be placed at strategic locations, both inside and outside the Facility. All solid waste collected in these receptacles must be disposed of at an approved waste disposal site.
- 2.4 Maintain septic tank system for employees on site at all times. The septic tank should not be located within 1.5 meters of a building or property boundary and should be accessible for cleaning and de-sludging. Any modification to the Septic tanks 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*.
- 2.5 Maintain an adequate drainage system around the facility.

## **3.0 AIR QUALITY & NOISE MANAGEMENT**

- 3.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000** and the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 3.2 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 metres (50 feet) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

- **Residential Limits: 70dB** (Day-time (06:00 h-18:00 h))

#### **4.0 EMPLOYEES AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 4.1 Ensure all employees/third party contractors are aware of the Conditions of the Operation Permit and provide training on good environmental management practices. Prepare and maintain a training file for employees, which should be available upon officers' request during a Compliance Inspection.
- 4.2 All employees must be equipped with and trained in the use of protective equipment to fit their job specification such as: hi-visibility vests, respirator, hard hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear and ensure appropriate utilisation of these gears. A log for the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment to employees must be maintained. Evidence of distribution log must be presented to officers of the Agency upon request during compliance inspections.
- 4.3 A first aid kit equipped according to the Guyana Red Cross standards must be located on site at times. Additionally, communication and transportation systems must be in place to respond to emergencies.
- 4.4 Ensure all employees are trained in the use of fire extinguishers and firefighting protocol/s.

#### **5.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Conform to all terms and conditions under which this Operation Permit is granted and the Permit Holder 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.
- 5.5 Inform the Agency prior to or **within thirty (30) days** of any change of name or ownership of the operation.
- 5.6 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.

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- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with the Operation Permit as follows:
- 5.8.1 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.
  - 5.8.2 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.
  - 5.8.3 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.

**6.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES**

- 6.1 The EPA reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's operation as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.2 The EPA reserves the right to review and/or amend the conditions and fees attached to this Permit, which also includes the review and/or amendment of Permit Fees in consideration of any changes in fee structure as determined by the Agency for projects of this nature.
- 6.3 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 6.4 Conform to all terms and conditions under which this 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 The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors 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 s.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

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prescribed under paragraph (c) of the Fifth Schedule for doing so.

- 6.6 The Permit Holder shall adhere to the provisions of s.19 (3) of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, inclusive of his obligation to compensate any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed project, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.7 This Operation Permit is not the final consent; all relevant permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 6.8 The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors shall be strictly jointly and severally liable as follows:
- a. For any activity that causes, or is likely to cause pollution of the environment, unless all reasonable and practicable measures were taken to prevent or minimise any resulting adverse effect, in accordance with Section 19(1) (a) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
  - b. For any activity which results in the discharge, release or entry into the environment of any contaminant in any amount, concentration or level in excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by this Permit, in accordance with Section 19(1) (b) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05 Laws of Guyana.
  - c. The discharge or release of contaminants, such as sludge, wastewater, hydraulic fluids, lubricants, fuel, chemicals, hazardous materials or other wastes relative to the Project, which are not regulated herein, or permitted to be discharged herein, are strictly prohibited. Any such discharge or release shall be deemed a violation of Section 19(1) (a) and/or Section 19(1) (b) of the Environmental Protection Act.
  - d. For the compensation of any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the project. (s.19(3)(e)) Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
  - e. For any material or serious environmental harm caused by pollution of the environment intentionally or recklessly in accordance with section 39 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the Environmental Protection Act, 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

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- f. Any gross negligence or wilful misconduct resulting in serious risk, or adverse effects to the marine environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil, or lubricants from any facilities permitted under this project.
  - g. For the payment of all costs and expenses related to the assessment of damage and investigations required, as result of any pollution incidents attributable or likely to be attributable to the activity for which this Permit has been issued.
- 6.9 Should the Permit Holder contravene or is likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve on him an Enforcement Notice in accordance with Section s. 26 of the EP Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
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- 6.11 The Permit Holder shall be strictly liable for the adverse effect of any discharge or release into the environment, or for causing or permitting the entry of any pollutant or contaminant into the environment, in any amount, concentration or level in excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by this environmental authorisation or as are attributed to projects of this nature. This is in accordance with section 19(1) and (2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.12 The Permit Holder shall adhere to the provisions of s.19 (3) of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, inclusive of his obligation to compensate any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed project.
- 6.13 If the Agency (EPA) is of the opinion that the Permit Holder is contravening, or is likely to contravene, any condition of this Permit, the Agency may serve on the Permit Holder an Enforcement Notice in accordance with s.26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.14 Where it appears to the Agency that the Permit Holder is engaged in any activity that may pose serious threat to natural resources or serious pollution of the Environment or any damage to public health, the Agency may issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice, which may include an order to immediately cease the offending activity. (See: s. 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

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- 6.15 The Agency (EPA) shall notify the Permit Holder immediately of any written claim or notice sent by any complainant seeking loss or damage for negligence as a result of the Permit Holder's lack of due care and diligence.
- 6.16 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 biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat.
- 6.17 This Operation Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein, **May, 2021 to April 2026**. This Operation Permit shall remain valid until **April 30, 2026**, unless otherwise modified, varied, suspended, or cancelled 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.
- 6.18 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 **October 30, 2025**.
- 6.19 Any late submission of renewal application (s) after the specified date as stated above, shall 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.
- 6.20 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 and the Environmental Protection Regulations and any other applicable Laws of Guyana.

Signed by  
Agency.

  
**Ms. Sharifah Razack**  
**Executive Director (ag.)**

on behalf of the Environmental Protection

Date 2021.05.20

  
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**I hereby accept the above Terms and Conditions upon which this Operation 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 (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations made under this Act and best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.**

<b>NAME:</b>	Parmar and Paromhanel
<b>DESIGNATION:</b>	Owner
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	P. Parmarand
<b>DATE:</b>	2021-06-08

