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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.

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| Reference No.: | 20160405-DRLYW  |
| Fee:           | Small(C1) i.e., US\$100 per year  |
| Fees Paid:     | US\$ 500 for Five (5) years (August 2022 – July 2027)                       |
| Addressee(s):  | Mr. Dhanessar Rampersaud<br>Lot 148, No. 67 Village<br>Corentyne<br>Berbice |
| Activity:      | Operation of a Lumber Yard (Without Processing)                             |

Mr. Dhanessar Rampersaud, 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 (Authorizations) Regulations, 2000, to operate a Lumber Yard (Without Processing), undertaking only buying and selling of lumber, located at Lot 164, No. 67 Village, Corentyne, Berbice, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, in a manner indicated in the Renewal Application submitted on August 26, 2021, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, existing and/or forthcoming regulations made under the said Environmental Protection Act and/or any other applicable laws, best practices, guidelines, and standards relevant to this project.

This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is issued pursuant to the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

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

### **1.0 OPERATION**

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

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- 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. effect any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Only buy and sell lumber at this location. The **processing of lumber on the Project site is strictly prohibited.**

## **2.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013**, where applicable.

- 2.1 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary and hygienic practices. The aesthetic quality of your surroundings must be maintained at all times.
- 2.2 Promote proper solid waste management practices at the 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.

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

Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000 and the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**

- 3.1 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: 75 dB (Daytime Limits 06:00 h-18:00 h)**


- 3.2 Load and offload lumber between 06:00h to 18:00h to minimise disturbance to residents.

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

- 4.1 Ensure all employees/third-party contractors are aware of the Conditions of the Environmental Permit (Renewed) and provide training on good environmental management practices. Prepare and maintain a training file for employees, which should be available upon Officers' request during Compliance Inspections.
- 4.2 All employees must be equipped with and trained in the use of protective equipment to fit their job specifications such as hi-visibility vests, respirators, hard hats, gloves, and appropriate footwear. Ensure appropriate utilisation of these gears. A log for the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment to employees must be maintained. Evidence of the distribution log must be presented to the officer of the Agency upon request during a compliance inspection.
- 4.3 A first aid kit equipped according to the Guyana Red Cross standards must be located on-site at **All** times. Additionally, communication and transportation systems must be in place to respond to emergencies.

#### **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 Environmental Permit (Renewed), insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 5.3 Submit to the EPA **Environmental Annual Report** 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 Environmental Permit (Renewed) is granted. The Permit Holder, His Agents, and/or Sub-contractors shall be liable for any loss or damage which arises from the project as a result of the activities attributable to the project 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.

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- 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.
- 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 with the Environmental Permit (Renewed) as follows:
- 5.8.1 Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time, the Permit Holder becomes aware of the non-compliance, and 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, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection Regulations, 2000.
- 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 minimize any resulting adverse effect, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.4 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 in 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.

- 6.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 11.3 and 11.4 of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.6 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.
- 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 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 Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05, and the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.11 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.

- 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.
- 6.13 **This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 6.14 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein; **August 2022 to July, 2027.**
- 6.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **July 31, 2027** 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, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.16 This Permit must be renewed by submitting a completed *Application Form for Renewal of Environmental Authorization* to the Agency at least six months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **February 28, 2027.**
- 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 (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.
- 6.18 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 other applicable Laws of Guyana.

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Signed by *Shamfah Rajack* on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Kemraj Parsram**  
*for* **Executive Director**  
*Executive Director*

Date 2022. 08. 05

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, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, the Environmental Protection (Authorizations) Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations made under this Act and best practices, guidelines, and standards relevant to this project.

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| NAME        | <i>Dhanendra Rampersad</i> |
| DESIGNATION | <i>owner</i>               |
| SIGNATURE   | <i>D Rampersad</i>         |
| DATE        | <i>9-8-2022</i>            |



