



Environmental Protection Agency

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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.:	20211213-LRMSS
Fee:	Small(C1) US\$500 (5 years) i.e. US\$100 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$ 500 (April 2022 – March 2027)
Addressee(s):	Mr. Motee Sankat Lot 58, #64 Village, Corentyne, Berbice.
Activity:	Operation of a Lumber Yard (Without Processing)



Mr. Motee Sankat, hereinafter referred to as the “Permit Holder”, are 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 Lot 101/102 # 63 Village, Corentyne, Berbice., hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, in a manner indicated in the New Application submitted on December 13, 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.

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;
 - 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 Regulation 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: 75dB (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 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 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, 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 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.
- 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 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 and its regulations.
- 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 The Permit Holder 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 and authorized 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.
- 6.5 This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant permissions should be obtained and maintained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 6.6 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 minimize 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, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- d. For the compensation of any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the project. (s.19(3)(e)) of the 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, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- f. Any gross negligence or willful misconduct resulting in serious risk, or adverse effects to the 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 a result of any pollution incidents attributable or likely to be attributable to the activity for which this Permit has been issued.

6.7 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.

6.8 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 serious pollution of the environment or any damage to public health, the EPA may issue to the Permit



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Holder a Prohibition Notice Order to immediately cease the offending activity in accordance with Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

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 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

6.10 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein **April 2022 to March 2027**. This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **March 31, 2027**, unless otherwise modified, cancelled, suspended, or revoked in accordance with the provisions of this Permit or the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana and its regulations.

6.11 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 31, 2026**.

6.12 Any late submission of renewal application after the specified date as stated above 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.

6.13 Failure to comply with the requirements of this Permit shall render the Permit Holder liable to prosecution and to penalties prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, its regulations and any other applicable Laws of Guyana.

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

Date 2022-04-06



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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 (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations made under this Act and best practices, guidelines, and standards relevant to this project.

NAME	MOTEE SANKH
DESIGNATION	Company Secretary
SIGNATURE	
DATE	12/4/2022

