



**Environmental
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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 Regulations, 2000)

Reference No.:	20220317-PINES
Fees:	Small (C1) US\$500 (5 years) i.e. US\$500 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$500 (February 2023 to January 2028)

Addressee(s): Mr. Ragunauth Lall Sukhram
Proprietor
Lot 6&7 ST. Lawrence
East Bank Essequibo

Activity: Operation of a Timber Depot

Mr. Ragunauth Lall Sukhram, trading and operating under the name, R.L. Sukhram & Sons, 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 Regulations, 2000, to operate a Timber Depot, located at Pine Tree Landing, Right Bank of Cuyuni River, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Renewal Application submitted on March 17, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, any 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.

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 for Operation:

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 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Agency immediately upon receipt, approval from Guyana Lands and Survey to lease State Land.

- 1.3 Ensure that adequate provisions are in place for ingress to and egress from the Project site.
- 1.4 Discharge logs safely through the use of appropriate equipment i.e. log extractor at log market/s to ensure logs do not free fall from haulers to the ground, resulting in vibration and excessive damage to soils and/ or vegetation.

2.0 EMPLOYEES

2.1 Adhere to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana.

- 2.1.1 Provide employees with the necessary protective equipment to fit their job specification.
 - 2.1.2 Provide first aid kit/s equipped according to the Guyana Red Cross standards.
- 2.2 Make all employees/third-party contractors aware of the Conditions of the Environmental Permit (Renewed) and provide training on good environmental management practices. A training report shall be kept and submitted upon Officers' request during a Compliance Inspection.

3.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013.**
- 3.2 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary and hygienic practices, and the aesthetic quality of your surroundings at all times.

- 3.3 Promote proper solid waste management and disposal practices on site.
- 3.3.1 Waste shall not be disposed of in or near the waterways.
 - 3.3.2 Place covered garbage receptacles at strategic locations at the facility.
 - 3.3.3 Waste shall be collected and disposed at an approved waste disposal facility.

4.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000 and the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 4.2 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 15m (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.
- **Industrial Limits 100 dB** (Day-time (06:00 h - 18:00 h))
- 4.3 Loading and offloading of logs shall take place between **06:00 h to 18:00 h** to minimize disturbance to residents.

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 an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, each year.**
- 5.4 Notify the Agency in writing of any change of name or ownership of the Permit Holder's facility within **thirty (30) days** after the change occurs.
- 5.5 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.

- 5.6 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency **within one (1) hour** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g. oil spills, hazardous materials/wastes spill, sudden onset disaster, natural, technological or human-induced factors that cause or threaten to cause severe environmental damage as well as harm to human health or livelihood).
- 5.7 Report to the Agency any non-compliance with the Environmental Permit:
- i. Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance outlining the anticipated manner in which human health or the environment may be impacted.
 - ii. Within **seventy-two (72) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit (Renewed) becomes aware of the non-compliance, submit to the Agency a written report containing a description of the non-compliance, its cause, the period of non-compliance including exact dates and time and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance(s) has not been corrected.

6.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.3 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 6.1 and 6.2 of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.4 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.

- 6.5 Should the Permit Holder contravene or be 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 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, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.9 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein
- 6.10 This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 6.11 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein; February **2023 to January 2028**.
- 6.12 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until January **31, 2028**, 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, and its regulations, including the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.13 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 August **31, 2027**.
- 6.14 Any late submission of renewal application (s) after the specified date as stated above, may 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



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Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.

- 6.15 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.

Signed by *Shanfeh Razack* on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kemraj Parsram
Executive Director

Date 2023. 02-06

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 Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations and standards made under this Act.

NAME:	RAGUNAATH SUKHRAM
DESIGNATION:	C.E.O
SIGNATURE:	<i>R. L. Sukhram</i>
DATE:	03 rd March 2023

