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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.: | 20110411-BAFWO |
| Fees: | Small (C1) US\$200 (2 years) i.e., US\$ 100 per year |
| Fees Paid | US\$200 (September 2024 - August 2026) |


Addressee(s): Mr. Brian Bipat
Proprietor, Parmanand Furniture Shop
Lot 10 A & B, Adelphi Village
East Canje, Berbice.

Activity: Operation of a Furniture Workshop

Mr. Brain Bipat, trading and operating under the name Parmanand Furniture Shop herein referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to operate a furniture workshop at Lot 10 A & B, Adelphi Village, East Canje, Berbice, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in Renewal Application submitted on March 06, 2024, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and any existing 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 is a Renewal of the Operation Permit (Renewed), Reference No.: 20110411-BAFWO which would expire in August 2024. This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is issued pursuant to the Environmental Protection (Authorisation) Regulations, 2000.

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


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1.0 OPERATION

- 1.1 Make an application to the Agency to vary this Permit in instances where it becomes necessary to:
- 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 used or installed at the facility from which effluent may be emitted from; and
 - IV. Any other variance prescribed by Regulation 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure that adequate provisions are in place for ingress and egress to the site.
- 1.3 Guyana Fire Service Approval shall be maintained annually and shall be submitted as a component of the **Annual Report**.
- 1.4 Load and offload lumber between 06:00 h to 18:00 h to avoid disturbance to residents.
- 1.5 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all chemicals, paints, and varnishes are properly labelled and stored in an impervious and well-ventilated room, away from any ignitable material.
- 1.6 The Permit Holder shall ensure all chemicals/materials (varnish and paints) are managed, including handling, storage, and disposal in accordance with the associated Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)/ Safety Data Sheet (SDS). Copies of the SDS/MSDS should be posted in areas accessible to all staff on site and sensitisation exercises conducted for staff at these locations.

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 specifications.
 - 2.1.2 Provide first aid kit/s equipped according to the Guyana Red Cross standards which shall include a snake bite kit.

- 2.1.3 Provide communication and transportation systems to respond to emergencies.
- 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.

3.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013, promote good sanitation and solid waste disposal practices on site. Covered garbage receptacles shall be placed on an impervious base at strategic locations, both within and outside the facility.
- 3.2 Dumping of waste into the surrounding environment is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- 3.3 The open burning of waste is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- 3.4 The Permit Holder shall ensure wood waste such as sawdust, shaving, wood ends, etc. be recovered and appropriately disposed of at a disposal site/landfill or reused. Reuse options include but are not limited to:
- i. Poultry bedding;
 - ii. Mulching; and
 - iii. Landfill where practical.

4.0 NOISE AND AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- 4.0 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000, and the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 4.1 Comply with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) *Guidelines for Noise Emission into the Environment*, not exceeding the commercial limits at a distance of 15 metres (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

- **Residential Limits 75 dB** (Day-time (06:00 h - 18:00 h)
60 dB- Night time (18:00 hrs to 6:00 hrs).

- 4.2 The Permit Holder shall enclose all sound-making devices, e.g. generators in suitable structures constructed with materials of good noise insulation properties (e.g. hollow concrete blocks, insulation boards, solid clay bricks), and equipped with silencers or mufflers to reduce the noise level.
- 4.3 The Permit Holder shall ensure that the operation is enclosed to minimise the impact of dust on the receiving environment.
- 4.4 The Permit Holder shall ensure that the band saw and planer are operated at all times within the designated wooden enclosures and that the doors of the enclosures remain closed during the operation of the machines.
- 4.3 The Permit Holder shall apply wet suppression techniques (where necessary) and/or erect dust screens/fences to control particulate matter/dust emissions from the facility and components of the operation that would generate dust.
- 4.4 All machines/equipment shall be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications to ensure efficiency and reduce the level of noise produced. A summarised maintenance report shall be maintained on-site and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 4.5 Record, investigate, and address complaints of excessive noise, dust, and vibrations from the public promptly upon receipt. Maintain a record of all complaints received and the action taken.

5.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 5.0 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.
- 5.1 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency within one (1) hour of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g., oil spills, biohazardous 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).
- 5.2 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, 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.


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- 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 Report to the Agency of non-compliance with the Environmental Permit (Renewed):
- 6.8.1 Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Operation Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, the anticipated manner in which it may endanger human health or the environment.
 - 6.8.2 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.
 - 6.8.3 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 Permit Holder shall be liable for any material 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 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 9.3 and 9.4 of this Environmental Permit (Renewed), 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 (EPA) may serve on him an Enforcement Notice in accordance with Section 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.9 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 construction 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; **September 2024 to August 2026.**
- 6.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **August 31, 2026**, 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, 2026.**
- 6.17 Any late submission of a 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.
- 6.18 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.

Signed by
Agency.



on behalf of the Environmental Protection

Date 2024.05.31

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

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| NAME: | BRIAN BIPAT |
| DESIGNATION: | OWNER |
| SIGNATURE: | Brian Bipat |
| DATE: | 06.10.24 |

