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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.

Reference No.:	20160226-MARAH
Fees:	Small (C1) US\$500 (5 years) i.e. US\$100 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$500 (May, 2024 to April, 2029)

**Addressee(s)**      **Mr. Mohamed A. Haniff**  
**Proprietor**  
**Guy America Stores**  
**37 Parika**  
**East Bank Essequibo**

**Activity:**      **Operation of Lumberyard (Without Processing)**

Mr. Mohamed A. Haniff, trading and operating under the name Guy America Stores, herein 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), only buying and selling of lumber, at 17 Zeeburg West Coast Demerara, Region 3, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Renewal Application submitted on October 31 2023, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, 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 Holders, His Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors shall comply with the following Terms and Conditions:

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NIS 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## **1.0 OPERATION**

- 1.1 Make an application to the Agency to vary this Environmental Permit (Renewed) 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. Affect any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Ensure that adequate provisions are in place for ingress and egress at the site.
- 1.3 Load and offload lumber between **06:00 h to 18:00 h** to avoid disturbance to residents.

## **2.0 EMPLOYEES**

- 2.1 Comply with 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 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. 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. Place covered garbage receptacles at strategic locations at the facility.
  - 3.3.2. Waste shall be collected and disposed at an approved waste disposal facility.
  - 3.3.3. Waste shall not be disposed in or near the waterways.

#### **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.
  - **Residential Limits: 75dB** (Day-time (06:00 h - 18:00 h))
- 4.3 Implement all possible measures to minimise the impact of sound levels on the environment.

#### **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, 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 Inform the Agency prior to or within **thirty (30) days** of any change of name or ownership of the operation.

- 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 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.
- 5.7 Report to the Agency any non-compliance with the Environmental Permit (Renewed) as follows:
- 5.7.1 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.
  - 5.7.2 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.
  - 5.7.3 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 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 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 prescribed under paragraph (c) of the Fifth Schedule for doing so.

- 6.5 This Environmental Authorisation is not the final consent; all relevant permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 6.6 The Permit Holder shall be strictly liable for any loss or damage to the environment through any act caused intentionally or recklessly, through the adverse effect of any discharge or release, or cause or permit the entry of pollution, contaminant in any amount, concentration or level in excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by any Environmental Authorisation which are attributed to the Project, s. 19 (1) Environmental Protection (EP) Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.7 The Permit Holder shall compensate any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed Project (s. 19 (3)(e)) EP Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.8 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.
- 6.9 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 with respect to any release or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants from the fuel storage.
- 6.10 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, issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice Order to immediately cease the offending activity. S 27 EP Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.11 Should the Permit Holder contravene or is likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve him an enforcement notice in accordance with s. 26 of the EP Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 6.12 This Operation Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein **May, 2024 to April, 2029**. This Operation Permit shall remain valid until **April 30, 2029**, 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.
- 6.13 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 **October 31, 2028**.
- 6.14 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated

above, shall 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 (\$2,000.00)per day for every day late**, until such renewal application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.

- 6.15 Failure to comply with the requirements of this Permit shall render the Permit Holder liable to prosecution and to civil penalties and/or injunctive relief prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana and the Environmental Protection Regulations, including under any existing and forthcoming regulations made under the said Act or any other applicable Laws of Guyana.

Signed by  
Agency.



on behalf of the Environmental Protection

Date 2024.05.10

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.

NAME:	<i>Neil Singh for Mohamed A. Khail</i>
DESIGNATION:	<i>Seleperson</i>
SIGNATURE:	<i>Neil Singh for Mohamed A. Khail</i>
DATE:	<i>21st July 2025</i>

