



## **Environmental Protection Agency**

### **Notice to the Public**

Pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has screened the application for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

**1. Tangzhou Liu - H.M. S Mining Inc. -Operation of a Stone Quarry. LM 40: G-1003/000/2023 Confluence of the Essequibo River and the Timitikuru Creek, Winiperu, Mazaruni Mining District # 3, Region 7.**

The EPA has determined that this project will not significantly affect the environment, and is therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The reasons for its decision include:

1. Impacts have been characterized to be of medium to low significance since the project site is located in the Mazaruni Mining District # 3, and is surrounded by similar land use activities.
2. The closet populated community is Wineperu which is located approximately 1 km North of the project site.
3. The closest town is Bartica some 35 miles to the North of the project site.
4. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate and will be periodic. Impacts will be confined to the production activities area. Employees will wear their necessary protective gear to minimise the impact of noise during operation.
5. Air quality may be affected by striping activities allowing for the increase in fugitive dust levels and by the generation of combustion gases produced from heavy-duty machinery. However, these impacts would be within the confines of the immediate project area and can be effectively mitigated by preventative maintenance of heavy-duty machinery and the implementation of control measures such as wet suppression and buffer zones.
6. Loss of biodiversity and habitats may occur as a result of the removal of vegetation and forest fragmentation. The clearing of vegetation and the extraction of materials in stages will allow for more effective management and control of impacts which will, in turn, reduce habitat destruction.



7. Surface water quality may be affected by sediment load occurring from loose soil and sediments in storm runoff given the fact that the area is undulating. There will be no direct discharge of effluent into any Creek or surface water body.
8. The developer will ensure that waste will be recycled and reused as well as utilize appropriate disposal techniques in keeping with the Agency's Hazardous Waste Guidelines.

Please be advised that this decision is in no way an indication that this project is approved.

The reasons for our decision are available at the following links on our website:

### **Project Summary Tab**

<https://epaguyana.org/download/h-m-s-mining-inc-project-summary/>

Any person who may be affected by the proposed project may lodge an appeal against the Agency's decision (EIA not required) within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice. *Appeals against the EPA's decision should be addressed to:*

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