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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) - GUYANA

ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION SCREENING DECISION

Name of Developer: **Mr. Jeofrey Mootoo**

Name of Project: Hommee Hospitality

Type of Project: Bar

Project Location: Lot 50, Palmyra, Public Road, East Canje, Berbice.

INTRODUCTION

Project Overview and Description

On **February 24, 2023**, the Environmental Protection Agency received an application for Environmental Authorisation of an existing Bar and Restaurant, located at Lot 50, Palmyra, Public Road, East Canje, Berbice. The Agency conducted a verification visit at this location on **March 16, 2023**.

The project occupies the lower flat of a 40 feet x 50 feet concrete building and extends under an open shed in proximity to the main access road. No construction or renovation is ongoing and the project is in its full operation phase. The Bar is enclosed and sound-proofed; one (1) Bluetooth Speaker Box is located within the Bar and a second smaller Speaker is elevated and attached to the open-shed outside.

The Hotel, Bar, and Restaurant operate from Monday– Sunday from 09:00 am – 11:00 pm. The Bar provides a “hangout” spot for customers, the hotel (8 rooms only) provides

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accommodation for visitors to the area, and the restaurant provides meals and finger foods to customers.

There is a generator located on site that supplies electricity to the entire facility during power outages.



Figure 1. Map showing the location of the facility and its surroundings.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS SCREENING

It can be concluded from screening that the significance of the environmental impacts of the project is low. This conclusion was drawn after reviewing the project summary, conducting the verification visit, and verifying the developers' compliance with measures recommended for implementation.

1. **Air Quality/Noise:** There is potential for the project to produce noise from the operation of the standby generator during a power outage which can negatively affect surrounding residents; however, effective mitigation measures were implemented by the

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developer to reduce noise. The generator is the self-enclosed type but is also within a concrete enclosure. The base of the generator is concrete which prevents vibrations.

Noise assessments were conducted at the boundaries of the operation, while the generator was in operation, and the average readings were found to be within the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) night time limits of 60 dB for residential areas.

The bar area is fully enclosed and soundproof. The walls which enclosed the entire area of the bar were coated internally with a noise-reducing material and the doors are kept closed at all times. Additionally, music is being played at a lowered level which allows customers to converse freely.

2. **Water Quality:** There are no significant impacts on water quality since liquid effluent from the restaurant passes through a grease trap before final discharge into the environment. Waste oil produced from the servicing of the generator is appropriately collected, stored, and disposed of.

3. **Waste Management:** During the operation phase of the project, the type and amount of solid waste being produced is unlikely to cause any significant environmental impacts since it is properly collected, stored, and disposed of by an authorised solid waste disposal company.

RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that there are no significant impacts from the project that is outside the scope of limited to no intervention by the developer. As such, no further environmental studies, such as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Environmental Management Plan (EMP) are required. The implementation of the best applicable environmental management practices will be required which will become enforceable upon the issuance of an Environmental Authorisation for the project.

It is therefore recommended that this project be placed on a (30) days public notice to provide the opportunity to any person who may be affected to appeal against the Agency's decision (EIA not required).

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