



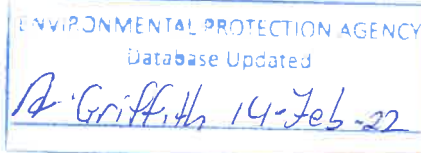
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Environmental Permit (Renewed)

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.:	20200527- DSSOM
Fee:	Small (C2) - US\$175 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$875 for Five Years (5) years – (November 2021 to October 2026)
Addressee:	Mr. Deonarine Sugrim Director Agri Parts Machinery & Services 193, Mandela Avenue Georgetown
Activity:	Storage of Mercury



Agri Parts Machinery & Services, hereinafter referred to as the “Permit Holder”, is hereby authorised in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to Store Mercury at Track Z3, Te Huis, Coverden, East Bank Demerara hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, in a manner indicated in the Application for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation submitted on June 23, 2021, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, existing and/or forthcoming Regulations made under the said Act, and/or any applicable laws, guidelines, best practices and standards relevant to this project.

This is a Renewal of Operation Permit, Reference No. 20200527- DSSOM issued in June, 2020 and expired August, 2021.

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. Adhere to the requirements of the **Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws, of Guyana.**
- 1.2. Obtain approval for the use and management of toxic chemicals shall be obtained from the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board. A copy of this Approval shall be kept on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

- 1.3. 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 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.

1.4 Emergency spill clean-up kits shall be maintained at the Project for response to spills. Kits must contain absorbent materials, drain seals and other appropriate tools for clean-up. Kits must be readily available and clearly identified at the Project.

1.5 The Safety Data Sheet for Mercury shall be located on site and easily accessible to staff and other officials visiting the site.

1.6 The Mercury Storage area shall be clearly marked with warning signs containing the following information:

“Warning: Toxic Mercury Storage Area”

1.7 The flooring in storage area shall be covered with mercury resistant materials, such as an epoxy coating, and should be light-colored to allow the detection of mercury droplets/ leakage.

1.8 Where indoor air is vented outside, particularly from storage and handling area, such venting shall be done via activated carbon or other mercury capture systems.

1.9 A register of the quantities of mercury stored onsite shall be maintained. The registered information shall be kept on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

1.10 Flasks within which mercury is stored shall meet the following criteria:

- Must not be damaged from any materials previously stored in them or have contained materials that could adversely react with mercury;
- Must not be excessively corroded;
- Must have a protective coating (paint) to prevent corrosion;
- Must be gas and liquid-tight.

1.11 Storage flask labels shall include the following information:

- The names of the suppliers of the mercury;
- The level and purity of the mercury;
- The gross and net weight;

- The date when the mercury was injected into the flask;
- A “corrosives” label indicating that the container contains corrosive materials.

1.12. Mercury shall be transported by an EPA authorised transportation provider. Personnel who are transporting mercury shall be trained in emergency response as well as mercury handling and transport.

2.0 WATER QUALITY

2.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**

2.2 Storm water discharge shall be directed away from Mercury Storage Area.

2.3 Any **mercury spills** occurring during handling and loading of these materials, **shall be** immediately cleaned and disposed as guided by the respective Safety Data Sheet.

2.4 Mercury shall not be stored outside to prevent release of mercury into soil, surface water or ground water.

2.5 Storage area floors shall not be penetrated by any drains or plumbing to avoid trapping mercury in unwanted areas and to facilitate the collection of spills.

3.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

3.1 In accordance with the Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013, promote good sanitation and solid waste disposal practices on site. Covered garbage receptacles shall be placed upon impervious base at strategic locations, both within and outside facility.

3.2 Solid waste shall not be burnt on site. All solid waste shall be disposed by an EPA Authorised Waste Disposal Company.

3.3 Good house-keeping, sanitary, and hygienic practices shall be maintained at all times.

3.4 Waste collection areas shall be kept clean. Dry methods shall be used when cleaning around waste handling and disposal areas (e.g., sweeping, use of absorbents).

4.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

4.1 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).



- 4.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 Maintain and submit to the Agency records of the type, composition and quantity of contaminant released (i.e., any solid, liquid, gas, odour, sound, vibration, radiation, heat or combination of any of them).
- 4.6 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on the progress of the operation and compliance with the conditions under which this Permit was granted on or before **March 31, each year**.
- 4.7 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with the Environmental Permit (Renewed):
 - i. Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Authorisation 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 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.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure the permitted activity and premises are secured and that all practicable steps necessary to prevent fires, explosions, leaks or suspected leaks and spills at the permitted premises are taken.

5.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/ LIABILITIES

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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.

- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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 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.
- 5.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 5.3 and 5.4 of this Environmental Permit pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 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.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 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, and the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 5.11 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.

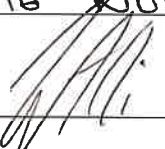
- 5.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 5.13 **This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 5.14 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein; **November 2021 to October 2026.**
- 5.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **October 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.
- 5.16 This Permit must be renewed by submitting a completed Renewed Application Form for Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **April 30, 2026.**
- 5.17 Any late submission of renewal application (s) after the specified date as stated above, the agency 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 Agency**, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.
- 5.18 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.

Signed by *Kemraj Parsram* on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency
Kemraj Parsram
Executive Director

Date 2021. 11. 16

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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, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations, guidelines, best practices and standards made under this Act.

NAME	Zahrah Ali
DATE	16 November 2021
SIGNATURE	 for Deonarine Sugrim
DESIGNATION	Project manager

