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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.:	20191205-CWDSW
Fee:	Medium (C2) US\$500 per year
Fee Paid:	US\$ 2,500 (March, 2022 to February, 2027)
Addressee:	Cevons Waste Management 573, Toucan Drive South Ruimveldt Gardens Georgetown
Activity:	Collection, Transportation & Disposal of Septic Waste (ONLY)



Cevons Waste Management, hereinafter 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, for the Collection, Transportation & Disposal of Septic Waste (ONLY) across Regions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, in a manner indicated in the Application for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation submitted on July 15, 2021, and 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 applicable laws, best practices, guidelines or standards relevant to this project.

This is a Renewal of Environmental Permit, Reference No. 20191205-CWDSW issued on September, 2020 and expired on August, 2021.

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

1.0 GENERAL OPERATION

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 Adhere to the Transportation Plan submitted to the Agency **on February 02, 2022** for safe collection, transportation and disposal of septic sludge.
- 1.3 Adhere to the requirements of the **Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws, of Guyana.**
- 1.4 Make all employees, and third parties under your direction, aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and provide training on good environmental practices. Annual training schedule shall be maintained and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 1.5 Waste collection vehicles dedicated for collection and transportation of septic waste **shall not** be used for any other purpose.
- 1.6 Septic waste shall be transported in secured, enclosed vehicles **ONLY**.
- 1.6 Affix labels to all waste collection vehicles used to transport septic waste. Labels may include the following information:

**Warning
Septic Waste**

- 1.7 Waste collection vehicles shall be parked on an impervious base and **not** on the Government Reserve.
- 1.8 Waste collection vehicles' hoses and fittings shall be inspected daily for signs of wear or breakage. Damaged hoses and fittings shall be replaced **immediately**. Inspection report shall be maintained and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 1.9 The quantities of septic waste shall be transported and only discharged at GWI approved site. The registered information shall be submitted to the Agency as a component part of the required **Annual Report**.
- 1.10 A trained operator or carrier shall at all times supervise, monitor and control the collection and transfer of septic waste, to prevent overfill and spill during the entire period of collection and/or transfer.
- 1.11 Collection of septic waste shall be conducted on an **impermeable** base.
- 1.12 All waste collection vehicles utilized for the collection and transport of septic waste shall satisfy the requirements of the **Road Traffic** Laws.
- 1.13 Establish and maintain a spill incident report to document **ALL** occurrences of spills during collection, transportation and disposal of septic sludge. A copy of the incident report shall be made available to the EPA upon request.

- 1.14 Spill cleanup kits shall be maintained on the Waste Collection vehicles for response to potential spills, and shall contain absorbent materials, drain seals and other appropriate tools for clean-up.

2.0 WATER QUALITY

- 2.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations 2000.**
- 2.2 Spillage occurring during collection of waste shall be **immediately** cleaned and treated with chlorine prior to disposal.
- 2.3 Waste collection vehicles maintenance activities shall **NOT** be conducted at the waste disposal site to avoid soil and water contamination from fuel, grease, waste oils and other petroleum products.
- 2.4 Septic Waste collection vehicles shall be decontaminated at the wash bay permitted by the Agency for the operations of **Workshop, Wash Bay, Storage & Shredding of IBC Totes and Fuel Storage Facility – Diesel ONLY.** Wastewater shall be collected and treated before disposal.

3.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 3.2 Waste collection vehicles shall be placed upon foundations properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations during collections and discharging of septic waste.
- 3.3 Waste collection vehicles shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specification to reduce noise and emissions. Maintenance schedule for truck shall be maintained and submitted to the EPA upon request.
- 3.4 The Best Environmental Practices or measures; e.g. mufflers, enclosures or other appropriate devices, shall be utilized to mitigate adverse noise impacts from waste collection vehicles on the environment.

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 and all third parties under your direction.
- 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 your compliance with this on or before **March 31, each year**.
- 4.7 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with the Environmental Permit:
 - 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 (Renewed), 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 (Renewed) 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 Shall 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 shall be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 5.14 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein; **March 2022 to February 2027.**
- 5.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **February 28, 2027**, 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 shall 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 **August 31, 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 Laws of Guyana.


Signed by  on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Kemraj Parsram
Executive Director

Date 3.22.2022

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(Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit (Renewd) 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 existing or forthcoming regulations, guidelines, best practices and standards made under this Act.

NAME	Morris Archer
DATE	2022-04-01
SIGNATURE	
DESIGNATION	Chief Operating Officer



