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Environmental Permit (Transferred)

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.:	20220613- RTSSM
Fee:	Small (C2) i.e., US\$175 per year
Fees Paid	US \$875 for Five (5) years (August 2022 to July 2027)
Addressee(s):	Mr. Mahendra Emrit Director Mahendra Recycling Scrap Metal Inc. 27, Marigold Street West Ruimveldt Georgetown
Activity:	Storage and Handling of Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Scrap Waste

Mahendra Recycling Scrap Metal Inc, 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 Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, Store and Handle Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Scrap Waste at Lot 2 A, Plantation Good Hope, East Coast Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in the manner indicated in the Application for Environmental Authorisation submitted on June 03, 2019, respectively, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, existing and/or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act, and/or any other applicable laws, guidelines, best practices, and standards relevant to this project.

Terms and Conditions for Operation to be adhered to by Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents, and/ or Sub- Contractors:

1.0 OPERATION

- 1.1. The Permit Holder is required to submit to the Agency, the requisite approvals upon obtaining such approvals from the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CH&PA), the relevant Municipality, or any other authority with jurisdiction and oversight over the operations.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Emergency spill kits shall be maintained at the Project site for response to unplanned incidents and or spills. Kits shall contain absorbent materials, drain seals, and other appropriate tools for clean-up, and shall be readily available and clearly identified at the Project.
- 1.4 Fire prevention and control equipment shall be maintained in accordance with this **Guyana Fire Service Approval**.
- 1.5 Operation shall be conducted in accordance with the **Old Metal Dealers (Amendment) Act 2007**.
- 1.6 Obtain and maintain the **Ministry of Tourism, Industry, and Commerce Scrap Metal** Unit Certificate and submit a copy of the approval for the EPA's records.
- 1.7 Adhere to the requirements of **the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana**.
- 2.0 TRANSPORTATION OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS WASTES and ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT(E-WASTE)**
- 2.1 Ferrous and non-ferrous scrap wastes shall be transported in a fully enclosed vehicle, or on 'open top' vehicle.
- 2.2 Ferrous and non-ferrous scrap wastes shall be packed and strapped at least one meter below the height of the vehicle.
- 2.3 Waste Collection Vehicles shall be inspected for signs of leakage or corrosion and damaged parts **must be** repaired/replaced **immediately**. Inspection reports must be maintained and submitted to the EPA upon request.

- 2.4 Highly visible and legible labels shall be affixed to the Waste Collection Vehicles transporting ferrous and non-ferrous scrap waste, Electrical & Electronic Equipment (E-Waste), and charcoal. Signage shall include the following information:
- i. Identity and contact information of the Project;
 - ii. The words **“Transportation of Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Scrap Waste and Electrical & Electronic Equipment (E-Waste)”**.
- 2.5 Signed copies of Waste Manifest form shall be maintained by the Project for every transport of ferrous, non-ferrous scrap wastes and electrical & and electronic equipment (E-Waste). The manifest shall contain the following:
- i. The name and address of the waste generator;
 - ii. The name and description of the waste and hazard class;
 - iii. The quantity of waste being transported, and;
 - iv. The name and address of the facility designated to receive the waste.

Signed waste manifest forms shall be made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.

3.0 MANAGEMENT OF WASTE ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (E-WASTE).

- 3.1 The release of Hazardous substances from Waste Electrical and electronic Equipment (E-Waste) into the air, water, or soil is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- 3.2 Dismantling and sorting of waste electrical & electronic Equipment (E-Waste) shall be conducted on impervious surfaces.
- 3.3 Handling and storage of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (E-Waste) components containing hazardous materials shall be conducted in a secure and designated ventilated area. This area shall include the following:
- i. Signage- **“E-Waste Storage Area”**
 - ii. Not exposed to direct sunlight and rainfall
 - iii. No damage components to release gases, liquids, or solid particles to the environment.
- 3.4 The hazardous components of E-Waste shall not be mixed with non-hazardous waste.
- 3.5 The disposal and burning of the hazardous components of E-Waste including plastic cables are **strictly prohibited**.

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- 3.6 An inventory of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (E-Waste) shall be established and maintained. The reports shall be made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.

4.0 MANAGEMENT OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS SCRAP WASTES

- 4.1 Ferrous scrap metal wastes shall be stored under covered areas on the impervious surface that are protected from the ingress of storm or rainwater and bonded by a contained drainage system to collect stormwater. The storage area shall be clearly demarcated and shall not be accessible to unauthorized persons.
- 4.2 Storage of ferrous scrap wastes at the Project shall be orderly with adequate distance between stockpiles.
- 4.3 The base of the storage area for non-ferrous scrap waste shall be impervious. The storage area shall be clearly demarcated and shall not be accessible to unauthorized persons.
- 4.4 An inventory of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap wastes shall be established and maintained. The reports shall be made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.
- 4.5 The secondary containment shall have the capacity to store 110% of the volume of the largest storage container and must be constructed of impermeable material such as concrete.
- 4.6 Used lead-acid batteries shall be stored upright on pallets which shall be inspected for signs of leakage or corrosion. Damaged pallets shall be replaced.
- 4.7 Acid spills occurring during handling or unloading operations shall be immediately cleaned, as guided by the respective Safety Data Sheet, and appropriately disposed to prevent discharges into surface or groundwater.
- 4.8 Hazardous Sludge obtained from neutralization shall be stored within a secured, well-labelled, and bonded area. The Hazardous Sludge shall be disposed of by a EPA authorized disposal and treatment facility.

5.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT

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- 5.1. Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 5.2. Noise emissions shall be monitored at the Project's boundary to determine compliance with Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) Guidelines for Noise Emissions into the Environment, not exceeding the industrial limits listed below:

Residential Limits: 75 dB during the daytime (06:00 h - 18:00 h)
60 dB during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)

A noise quality monitoring plan shall be submitted to the EPA for approval. Once the noise quality monitoring plan is approved, the noise monitoring results shall be submitted to the Agency upon request.

- 5.3 All machines/equipment shall be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications to ensure efficiency and reduce the level of noise produced. A summarised maintenance report shall be maintained on-site and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 5.4 All equipment and machinery shall be placed upon foundations properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations.
- 5.5 All significant noise-producing equipment, such as generators, shall be equipped with appropriate silencers or mufflers and/or are enclosed in suitable acoustic enclosures where necessary, to reduce noise levels impacting the surrounding environment to achieve compliance with Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) requirement.

6.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 In accordance with the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations 2013**, promote good sanitation and solid waste disposal practices on site. Place covered garbage receptacles, each on an impervious base and at a strategic location, within and outside the storage facility.
- 6.2 Burning of waste is **strictly prohibited.**
- 6.3 Good housekeeping, sanitary, and hygienic practices shall be maintained at all times. The facility's drains and surroundings shall be kept free of vegetation and litter.
- 6.4 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).
- 6.5 Acid-contaminated waste shall be disposed of by an EPA-authorised Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility where applicable.

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- 6.6 Maintain the septic tank installed with a sand and/or charcoal filter bed, or other appropriate design for further treatment. This must be in accordance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) Code of Practice for the Design and Construction of Septic Tanks and Associated Secondary Treatment and Disposal Systems.

7.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 7.1 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency **within one (1) hour** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g., oil spills, hazardous materials/wastes spills, 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).
- 7.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 Maintain and submit to the Agency records of the type, composition and quantity of contaminant released (i.e., any solid, liquid, gas, odor, sound, vibration, radiation, heat, or combination of any of them).
- 7.6 Submit **Annual Reports** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, each year**.
- 7.7 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 Permit 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.

- 7.8 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.
- 7.9 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.

8.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/ LIABILITIES

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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.
- 8.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 11.4 and 11.5 of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 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.

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- 8.8 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.
- 8.9 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.
- 8.10 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, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 8.11 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 offense 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.
- 8.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel, or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 8.13 This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permits should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 8.14 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein; **August 2022 to July 2027.**
- 8.15 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **July 31, 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.
- 8.16 This Permit must be renewed by submitting a completed Renewal Application Form for Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **January 31, 2027.**
- 8.17 Any late submission of renewal application (s) after the specified date as stated above,

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may 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 (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.

- 8.18 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

Executive Director

Date 2023-12-15

I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit 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:	<u>Mahendra Ermit</u>
DATE:	<u>2023-12-15</u>
SIGNATURE:	<u>Mahendra Ermit</u>
DESIGNATION:	<u>Mahendra</u>



