



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 Regulations, 2000.

Reference No.:	20190724-APGWF
Fees:	Medium (C2) - US\$800 per year
Fee Paid:	US\$4000 for Five (5) years (June 2022 – May 2027)
Addressee:	Mr. Blaine Chee Ping General Manager Agostini Properties Guyana Inc. 240 Camp Street Georgetown
Activity:	Construction and Operation of Warehouses for Storage of Equipment and Chemicals (Oil & Gas, Industrial, Manufacturing)



Agostini Properties Guyana 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 the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to Construct and Operate Warehouses for Storage of Equipment and Chemicals at Area "NR2", Plantation Rome, Houston, East Bank Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application for Renewal of an Environmental Authorisation submitted on May 09, 2022 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, guidelines, best practices and standards relevant to this project.

This is a Renewal of Construction Permit, Reference No: 20190724-APGWF issued on June 12, 2020 and expired April 30, 2021.
The Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall comply with the following Terms and Conditions for Operation:

1.0 CONSTRUCTION

1.1 Land clearing and disturbance shall be limited to areas where immediate work is taking place.

1.2 Areas for construction material stockpiles and equipment shall be clearly identified. Stockpile areas shall be downwind to avoid materials being dispersed by wind to

sensitive areas. Loading and offloading activities shall, as far as possible, also be confined to this location.

1.3 Temporary stockpiles of construction materials, including excavated waste shall be stored in a secured, designated area, and protected from wind and watererosion.

1.4 Materials shall not be placed within **3m** of any canal, drain or river, providing the installment of a silt fence adequately designed and constructed to retain the stockpile.

1.5 Stockpiles shall not exceed two (2) meters in height.

1.6 Temporary stockpiles shall not exceed **twenty-four (24) hours** before being removed, or transferred to the appropriate designated stockpile areas established by Condition 1.2.

1.7 Install a silt fence **at least 3 meters** from the boundary of any canal, drain or river to prevent any possible contamination from construction material. The height of the silt fence shall be **no less than 3 meters**, the distance between fence posts shall **not exceed 1.2 meters (4 ft.)**, and fence posts shall be installed at a depth of **at least 0.6 meters (24 inches)**.

1.8 Material stockpiles, including dusty materials transported to, from and within the site shall be enclosed or covered to reduce air borne emissions. Where this is not practical owing to frequent usage, employ wet suppression methods such as watering or erect dust screens/fences to control emissions.

1.9 Where feasible, pre-mixed, 'ready-mixed' concrete shall be used to reduce dust emissions caused by on-site preparation.

1.10 All oils, lubricants and fuel shall be handled, managed (including refueling of equipment and machinery) and stored on impervious surfaces within secondary contained areas.

1.11 Implement measures for the removal of any contamination and or siltation of drains during construction.

1.12 All construction equipment and machinery shall be maintained in accordance to manufacturer's specification to avoid mechanical failures and abnormal noise pollution. Logs and records signed by the appropriate inspecting personnel shall be maintained and made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.

1.13 All cutting of wood and mixing of cement shall be conducted at least 15m from perimeter drains to minimise pollution.

2.0 GENERAL OPERATION

2.1 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

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- 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.

2.2 Fire prevention and control equipment shall be maintained at the Project in accordance with this Guyana Fire Service Approval.

2.3 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 kept and submitted to the Agency upon request.

2.4 Adhere to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws, of Guyana.

3.0 STORAGE OF CHEMICALS

3.1 A register of the quantities of Chemicals stored at the Project shall be established and maintained. Registered information shall be maintained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

3.2 Chemical Storage Areas shall be clearly labeled with **"Danger, Chemical Storage Area- Authorized Personnel Only"** where applicable as a spill control measure.

3.3 Flammable materials shall be stored away from ignition sources. **"No Smoking"** signs shall be posted where these materials are handled and stored.

3.4 Secondary containment (bunded area) shall be maintained around storage areas of all liquid chemicals. The secondary containment shall have:

- i. A volume equivalent to the volume of liquid stored within the largest storage container and;
- ii. Walls constructed of impermeable materials.

3.5 Chemicals shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions or Safety Data Sheet instructions.

3.6 Safety Data Sheets for all Chemicals shall be readily available and easily accessible at all times at Chemical Storage Areas.

3.7 Chemicals shall be segregated as indicated below to reduce the risk from mixed spillage and fire:

- i. Acids separate from Caustics;
- ii. Acids separate from Bases;

- iii. Acids separate from Flammables;
- iv. Bases separate from Flammables;
- v. Oxidizers separate from Compressed Flammable Gases;
- vi. Corrosives separate from Flammables;
- vii. Oxides separate from all other chemicals;
- viii. Organic reactives separate from inorganic reactives (metals); and
- ix. Any other stipulated standards for storage or segregation of chemicals.

3.8 Chemical storage containers shall be clearly labeled in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling. The following must be evident:

- i. Signal Word;
- ii. GHS Symbols- (Hazard Pictograms);
- iii. Manufacturer Information;
- iv. Precautionary Statements/ First Aid;
- v. Hazard Statements; and
- vi. Product Name or Identifiers.

3.9 Chemical storage containers shall be inspected for signs of leakage or corrosion and damaged containers **must be replaced immediately**. Inspection reports shall be maintained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

3.10 Chemicals **shall not** be stored on damaged, or inadequately secured racking or on damaged pallets to minimise the risk of spills.

3.11 Liquid Chemicals stored within drums shall:

- a) Be placed within banded storage to ensure any leaks or spills are immediately contained;
- b) Be clearly marked with their contents, and any appropriate warning symbols;
- c) Be regularly inspected to detect rust, leaks or other damage.

3.12 Chemicals stored in ton bags and totes shall:

- a) Be protected from UV rays;
- b) Be covered to prevent exposure to dirt, dust, and moisture; and
- c) Not hang over the side of pallets used for stacking.

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

3.14 Employees involved in the management of chemicals shall be trained on Hazardous Material Communication and Emergency Preparedness Response. Training reports shall be maintained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.



3.15 Third party contractor(s) utilised for transport of chemicals to and from the Facility shall be authorised by the EPA.

4.0 STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT, PARTS & TOOLS

4.1 Equipment, parts and tools stored at the Warehouse, shall be new and uncontaminated and free of radiation sources.

4.2 Maintenance of tools, equipment and vehicles at the Facility is strictly prohibited.

5.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT

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 commercial limits listed below:

Commercial Limits: 80 dB during the daytime (06:00 h - 18:00 h)
65 B during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)

Noise quality monitoring shall be conducted **annually** during normal operations by trained personnel utilising calibrated Type 2 Sound Level Meters. Noise quality test results shall be submitted to the Agency as part of the Annual Report.

5.3 Equip all significant noise-producing equipment, such as generators, with silencers or mufflers and/or enclose in suitable acoustic enclosures where necessary, to reduce noise levels impacting the surrounding environment and to achieve compliance with GNBS requirement.

5.4 All generators and machines/equipment shall be serviced in accordance to manufacturer's specification to ensure efficiency and reduce the level of noise produced. A summarised maintenance report shall be submitted to the EPA as a component of the **Annual Report**.

6.0 WATER QUALITY

6.1 Adhere with the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.

6.2 Discharges from the Warehouses into the surrounding environment is strictly prohibited.

6.3 Chemical spills occurring during handling and loading of chemicals shall be immediately cleaned as guided by the respective Safety Data Sheet and disposed at an EPA authorised disposal facility.

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6.4 Drainage systems shall be maintained and capable of handling the probable maximum precipitation during a storm event.

7.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

7.1 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 at strategic locations at the facility.

7.2 Burning of waste is **strictly prohibited**. All solid waste shall be disposed by an EPA Authorised Waste Disposal Company.

7.3 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).

8.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

8.1 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency within **one (1) hour** of the discovery of the occurrence of 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). Notification as prescribed by Section 19(3)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act, shall be submitted to the EPA within **twenty-four (24) hours** of discovery of the incident occurring.

8.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

8.5 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).

8.6 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, each year**.

8.7 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 for Operation 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.

8.8 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.

8.9 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.

9.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/ LIABILITIES

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 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.

9.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 9.3 and 9.4 of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

9.6 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

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9.7 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.

9.8 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.

9.9 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.

9.10 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.

9.11 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.

9.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.

9.13 This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.

9.14 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein; June, 2022 to May, 2027

9.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until May 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.

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9.16 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 **November 30, 2026**.

9.17 Any late submission of renewal application (s) after the specified date as stated above, 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.

9.18 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 *[Signature]* on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.



Date

2022.06.13

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 existing or forthcoming regulations, guidelines, best practices and standards made under this Act.

NAME:	Blade Ches Ring	DATE:	20th June 2022	SIGNATURE:	Blade Ches Ring	DESIGNATION:	CEO/Director
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