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## **Environmental Permit**

**Issued under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana,  
the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the  
Environmental Protection Regulations, 2000.**

<b>Reference No.:</b>	<b>20220407_RAMPS</b>
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Medium (C1) i.e., US\$500 per year</b>
<b>Fee Paid:</b>	<b>US\$2500 for Five (5) years (September 2023 to August 2028)</b>
<b>Addressee:</b>	<b>Mr. Rudy Rampersad Proprietor RAMPS Logistics (Guyana) Inc. Lot 23 Brickdam Stabroek Georgetown.</b>
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Storage of Oil &amp; Gas Production Chemicals</b>

**RAMPS Logistics (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 Store Oil & Gas Production Chemicals at Lot A23 Plantation Peter’s Hall, East Bank Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, in a manner indicated in the Application for Environmental Authorisation submitted on April 7, 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.**

**The Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents, and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall comply with the following Terms and Conditions for Operation:**

### **1.0 OPERATIONS**

- 1.1** Make an application to the Agency to vary this Permit in instances where it becomes necessary to:
- change the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility and all associated buildings;
  - change equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system, or technology serving the facility;
  - change the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of discharge of effluents; or

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iv. effect any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.

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

1.3 Employees and third parties under the Project's direction shall be made aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation.

1.4 An Environmental Assessment Management Plan (EAMP) shall be prepared and submitted for the Project by **January 31, 2024**. The EAMP shall have an Air and Noise Monitoring Plan and Emergency Spill Response Plan (ESRP) which shall include, but not be limited to local emergency response authorities, notification of national and local authorities, coordination of clean-up activities, and assessment of health hazards to humans and the environment.

1.5 The EAMP shall be done in accordance with the updated EAMP Guidelines and by qualified person/s.

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

## **2.0 STORAGE OF OIL & GAS PRODUCTION CHEMICALS**

2.1 Adhere to the **Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Act 2000**.

2.2 The Project is permitted to store the below-listed oil and gas production chemicals **ONLY**:

- i. Barite
- ii. Sodium Chloride
- iii. Calcium Chloride
- iv. Carbo Gel
- v. Xanthan Gum D
- vi. Xanthan Gum

2.3 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 for inspection by the EPA upon request.

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

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

2.6 Chemicals shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions or Safety

Data Sheet instructions.

- 2.7 Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals shall be readily available and easily accessible at all times in chemical storage areas.
- 2.8 Chemicals shall be segregated as indicated below to reduce the risk of mixed spillage and fire:
- i. Acids separate from Bases;
  - ii. Acids separate from Flammables;
  - iii. Bases separate from Flammables;
  - iv. Oxidizers separate from Compressed Flammable Gases;
  - v. Oxides separate from all other chemicals; and
  - vi. Any other stipulated standards for storage or segregation of chemicals.
- 2.9 Chemical storage packages 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.
- 2.10 Chemical storage packages shall be inspected for signs of leakage and damaged containers **must be replaced immediately**. Inspection reports shall be maintained on-site and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 2.11 Chemicals **shall not** be stored on damaged or inadequately secured racking or on damaged pallets to minimise the risk of spills.
- 2.12 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.
- 2.13 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.
- 2.14 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.
- 2.15 Third-party contractor(s) utilised for transporting chemicals to and from the Facility shall be authorised by the EPA.

### **3.0 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

3.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000.**

3.2 Ambient air quality monitoring shall be conducted at the boundary of the property during normal operations to assess the levels of the following air pollutants, in accordance with the WHO Air Quality Guidelines 2005:

Air Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Permissible Level	Type of Monitoring
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	24h	25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ambient
PM <sub>10</sub>	24h	50µg	Ambient

**The frequency of air quality monitoring shall be determined by the EAMP and the results shall be maintained and submitted as a component of the Annual Report.**

3.3 Particulate matter and dust suppression methods shall be maintained around the project site:

- 3.3.1 Erecting dust screens/fences to control particulate matter/dust emissions;
- 3.3.2 Paving and maintaining wet suppression practices on driveways.

### **4.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT**

4.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**

4.2 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:

**Industrial Limits: 100 dB (Day-time (06:00 h -18:00 h))**  
**80 dB (Night- time (18:00 h - 06:00 h))**

**The frequency of noise quality monitoring shall be determined by the EAMP and the results shall be maintained and submitted as a component of the Annual Report.**

4.3 All equipment and machinery shall be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specification 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.

4.4 All equipment and machinery shall be placed upon foundations properly designed to



ensure effective damping of vibrations.

- 4.5 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.

## **5.0 WATER QUALITY**

- 5.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 5.2 Discharges from the chemical storage area are **strictly prohibited.**
- 5.3 Chemical spills occurring during the handling and loading of oil & gas production chemicals **shall be** immediately cleaned as guided by the respective safety data sheet and disposed of at an EPA-authorised disposal facility.

## **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; covered garbage receptacles shall be placed at strategic locations at the facility.
- 6.2 Burning of waste is **strictly prohibited.** All solid waste shall be disposed of by an EPA Authorised Waste Disposal Company.
- 6.3 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).
- 6.4 The Permit Holder shall maintain a septic tank system on site 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*:
- i) The septic tank shall not be located within 1.5 meters of a building or property boundary;
  - ii) septic tanks shall be installed with a sand and charcoal filter bed, or other appropriate design for further treatment; and
  - iii) shall be accessible for cleaning and de-sludging.
- 6.5 Any modification to the Septic tank shall 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.*
- 6.6 Cleaning and de-sludging of the septic tank shall be done by an EPA Authorised waste management company.

## **7.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING**

- 7.1 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.
- 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 the 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 an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, of 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 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.
- 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 7.3 and 7.4 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, of 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 for 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.
- 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.



3.10 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; **September 2023 to August 2028.**

8.15 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **August 31, 2028**, 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 **February 28, 2028.**


8.17 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.

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.



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Signed by  on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.



Date 12.9.2023

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:	MAHESH PERSAUD
DATE:	11/10/2023
SIGNATURE:	
DESIGNATION:	MANAGER - HSSE - F.



