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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.:	20140908-DGMBP		
Actual Fee:	Large (C2) - US\$2,000 per year		
Fees Paid:	US\$10,000 for Five (5) years (October 2025 – September 2030)		
Addressee:	Mr. Augustus Harris Vice President & Chief Executive Officer Massy Gas Products (Guy) Ltd. Old Road, Eccles East Bank Demerara.		
Activity:	Operation of an Industrial Gas Manufacturing and Distribution Plant (Oxygen, Argon, LPG, Nitrogen & Acetylene ONLY) with supporting Fuel Storage		

Massy Gas Products (Guy) Ltd., 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 Environmental Protection Regulations, 2000, to operate an Industrial Gas Manufacturing and Distribution Plant with supporting Fuel Storage, located at Old Road Eccles, East Bank Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in the manner indicated in the Application submitted on April 23, 2025, 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 (Renewed), Reference # 20140908-DGMBP, issued on October 13, 2020, and expires on September 30, 2025.

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

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

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- 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 A Health, Safety, and Environmental Officer shall oversee the implementation and reporting on the conditions of this Permit. The Agency shall be notified **within 21 days** of any change in the representative.
- 1.3 A Waste Management Plan shall be prepared and submitted for the Project by December 31, 2025. The Waste Management Plant shall include the types of waste to be disposed of and the methods of waste collection and disposal.
- 1.4 Emergency spill clean-up kits shall be readily available, clearly identified, and maintained at the Project for response to spills. Kits must contain absorbent materials, drain seals, and other appropriate tools for clean-up.
- 1.5 Obtain and maintain Guyana Fire Service Approval and submit a copy of the approval for the EPA's records.
- 1.6 Fire prevention and control equipment shall be maintained in accordance with this Guyana Fire Service Approval. This may include a smoke detection and alarm system, fire extinguishers, fire hydrants, or sprinkler systems as appropriate.
- 1.7 Adhere to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:06, Laws of Guyana.

2.0 DISTRIBUTION & MANUFACTURING OPERATION

- 2.1 All delivery and or distribution shall be conducted in accordance with the protocols outlined in licenses issued to Massy Gas Products by the Guyana Energy Agency (GEA).
- 2.2 The Acetylene and Oxygen Plants and all associated equipment shall at all times be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- 2.3 Servicing and maintenance of all critical equipment, generator, tanks, valves, and pipelines shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Maintenance and Inspection records shall be maintained and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 2.4 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for safe use of equipment shall be established and maintained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.



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- 2.5 All electrical equipment shall be explosion-proof, and storage containers containing hydrocarbons shall be well vented in electrically classified hazardous areas.
- 2.6 All high-pressure cylinders shall be filled according to the net content statement indicated on the label of the cylinders.
- 2.7 All tanks, pipes, and valves at the Gas Manufacturing Plant shall be labelled with the contents and colour-coded in keeping with safety procedures. Pipes shall be marked with arrows depicting directional flow.
- 2.8 Protection measures such as painting and coating shall be maintained to minimize corrosion of the tanks and pipelines.
- 2.9 All Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall be grounded, bunded, and equipped with manual valves.
- 2.10 LPG cylinders shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.
- 2.11 LPG cylinders shall be inspected for signs of leakage or corrosion, and damaged cylinders must be replaced immediately. Inspection reports shall be maintained on-site and made available to the EPA for inspection upon request.
- 2.12 A register of damaged, leaky, or corroded cylinders shall be maintained onsite and made available to the EPA for inspection upon request.
- 2.13 Safety labels shall be affixed to all LPG cylinders within an area that it is less prone to removal during handling.

3.0 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (STORAGE OF CHEMICALS)

- 3.0 Emergency spill clean-up kits shall be readily available, clearly identified, and maintained at the Project for response to spills. Kits must contain absorbent materials, drain seals, and other appropriate tools for clean-up.
- 3.1 Chemical Storage Areas shall be clearly labeled with "Danger, Chemical Storage Area-Authorized Personnel Only" where applicable as a spill control measure.
- 3.2 Flammable materials shall be stored away from ignition sources. 'No Smoking' signs shall be posted where these materials are handled and stored.
- 3.3 Secondary containment (bunded area) shall be established and 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
- 3.4 Chemicals shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions or Safety

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Data Sheet (SDS) instructions.

- 3.5 Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals shall be readily available and easily accessible at all times at the Project.
- 3.6 Chemicals shall be stored away from non-hazardous materials.
- 3.7 Chemicals shall be segregated and stored in accordance with their hazard characteristics, compatibility, e.g., toxic, flammable, corrosive, acid, etc.
- 3.8 Chemical containers shall be clearly labelled in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling. 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 Identifier
- 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 minimize the risk of spills.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 All 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.

4.0 FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE

- 4.1 Adopt and comply with the National SOP "Guidance for the Design, Construction, Modification, and Maintenance of Petrol Filling Stations" and any forthcoming code of practice/guidelines pertaining to the operation of fuel storage.
- 4.2 Fuel shall at all times be stored above-ground and away from ignition sources. 'No **Smoking'** signs shall be posted where fuel is handled or stored.
- 4.3 Existing secondary containment around the fuel tanks shall be inspected for cracks and deterioration to ensure they are liquid-tight and can withstand the hydrostatic pressure of any contained liquid when full.

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- 4.4 All secondary containment shall remain sealed, and all piping must enter or exit the containment over the wall. Secondary containment shall provide total containment, and no part of the tank infrastructure (e.g., dispenser, filling hoses, and valves) shall protrude outside the containment.
- 4.5 The base of the secondary containment of the fuel storage facility shall be of impervious material.
- 4.6 Discharge from the secondary containment is **Strictly Prohibited**.
- 4.7 Wastewater from the secondary containment shall be pumped to a collection vessel and collected and treated by an EPA-authorized hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
- 4.8 All collection, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from the secondary containment shall be documented on a Waste Manifest Form and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 4.9 The fuel storage tank shall be visually inspected to verify their integrity. A summarised inspection report shall be kept and provided to the EPA upon request.
- 4.10 Protection measures for fuel storage tanks, such as painting and coating, shall be maintained to minimize corrosion of fuel tanks.
- 4.11 Maintenance and/ or repair of fittings, pipes, and hoses shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. A summarised inspection report shall be kept and submitted to the EPA upon request.
- 4.12 Overfill protection shall be installed and maintained on all fuel tanks. This may include an automatic shut-off device or an audible or visible overfill alarm.

5.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.
- Maintain the integrity of the existing waterways at all times. Discharges into the environment should be in accordance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) *Interim Guidelines for Industrial Effluent Discharge into the Environment*. The following are the allowable limits for the general environment and should not be exceeded:



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Parameter	Daily Maximum Concentration	Units	
рН	5.0 - 9.0		
Temperature	40	°C	
BOD	<50	mg/L	
COD	<250 mg/L		
TSS	<50	mg/L	
Oil & Grease	<10	mg/L	

Water Quality Monitoring shall be conducted annually at the discharge points, in accordance with the parameters listed above, by trained personnel utilizing calibrated equipment. A certificate of competency of the laboratory and records shall be maintained and submitted to the EPA as a component of the **Annual Report.**

- Point source discharge of effluent from the facility to the environment is **strictly prohibited**. Discharge of effluent shall be directed to the effluent storage reservoir.
- 5.4 Maintain the effluent storage reservoir and drainage system to prevent whitewash and sludge from being discharged into waterways, including drains, canals, and the Demerara River.
- 5.5 Effluent in the storage reservoir shall be treated and tested prior to discharge into the environment or given to interested parties. The treatment method shall be approved by the EPA prior to implementation.
- All records of treatment and testing shall be maintained and submitted to the EPA as a component of the **Annual Report**.

6.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.
- 6.2 All noise-producing equipment, e.g., generators, etc., shall be equipped with silencers or mufflers, and/or be 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) requirements.
- 6.3 All machines and equipment shall be serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications to ensure efficiency and reduce the level of noise produced. Inspection and maintenance reports shall be maintained on-site and made available to the EPA



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for inspection upon request.

6.4 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 (Day-time (06:00 h -18:00 h)) 65 B (Night- time (18:00 h - 06:00 h))

Noise Quality monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with the parameters listed above by trained personnel utilizing calibrated equipment. Records of each monitoring exercise shall be maintained and results submitted to the Agency as a component of the Project's **Annual Report.**

6.5 All equipment and machinery shall be placed upon foundations properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations.

7.0 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000.
- 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 2021:

No.	Air Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Permissible Level	Type of Monitoring	Frequency of Monitoring
1.	Carbon Monoxide	24 h	4 mg/m ³	Ambient	Annually
2.	Nitrogen Dioxide	24 h	25 μg/m ³	Ambient	Annually
3.	Sulphur Dioxide	24 h	40 μg/m ³	Ambient	Annually
4.	PM2.5	24 h	15 μg/m ³	Ambient	Annually
5.	PM10	24 h	45 μg/m ³	Ambient	Annually

Air Quality monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with the parameters listed above by trained personnel utilizing calibrated equipment. Records shall be maintained and submitted to the EPA as a component of the **Annual Report**.

- 7.3 In the event of equipment malfunction or **inefficiencies** which may result in visible emissions to air or, in the event of the malfunction, lead to abnormal emissions, the operator shall:
 - 7.3.1 Investigate and undertake remedial action **immediately**;
 - 7.3.2 Adjust the process or activity to minimise those emissions; and

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- 7.3.3 Record the events and actions taken. This shall be submitted in the annual report.
- 7.4 Idling of equipment or vehicles shall be limited, as far as practical, and all equipment or vehicles switched off when not in use

8.0 HAZARDOUS WASTE (WASTE OIL AND OIL RAGS) MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 Adhere to the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulation 2000.
- 8.2 Hazardous waste containers shall be labeled with the following:
 - i. The words "Hazardous Waste"
 - ii. The type of waste
 - iii. Beginning accumulation date, i.e., the date when the container was first placed in the Hazardous Waste Storage Area. Should the hazardous waste container be reused, the date hazardous waste was first placed in the container shall be recorded on the container.
- 8.3 Waste oil containers shall be labelled with the following:
 - i. The words "Waste Oil or "Used Oil"
 - ii. Beginning accumulation date
- 8.4 Hazardous waste shall be stored in a covered, bunded area. This area shall include the following:
 - i. Signage- "Hazardous Waste Storage Area"
 - ii. Low traffic
 - iii. No floor drains
 - iv. The bunded area shall provide 110% containment of the largest volume stored therein.
- 8.5 Hazardous waste shall be treated and/or disposed of by an EPA-authorised Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
- 8.6 Each transport of hazardous waste shall generate a manifest. The manifest shall contain the following:
 - a) The name and address of the waste generator;
 - b) The name and description of the waste and hazardous class;
 - c) The number and type of containers;
 - d) The quantity of waste being transported; and
 - e) The name and address of the facility designated to receive the waste

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8.7 The Project shall retain a signed copy of the **Waste Manifest Form** submitted by the Hazardous Waste Transporter for a period of three years. The copies shall be maintained on-site, and an annual summary of these records shall be submitted to the EPA as a component of the **Annual Report.**

9.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 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 an impervious base at strategic locations, both within and outside the facility.
- 9.2 Burning of waste is **strictly prohibited**.
- 9.3 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).
- 9.4 Promote waste minimization by the appropriate disposal and reuse of scrap materials, gas cylinders, and other suitable materials where practical.
- 9.5 Acid-contaminated waste shall be disposed of by an EPA-authorised Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility, where applicable.
- 9.6 Crushed gas cylinders shall be stored on an impervious surface and within containment.
- 9.7 A record of all crushed cylinders sold shall be kept on site and submitted as a component of the **Annual Report**. The records shall include the quantities and name(s) of authorised scrap metal dealers collecting/purchasing the crush cylinders.
- 9.8 Maintain a septic system on site at all times. The septic tank should not be located within 1.5 m of a building or property boundary and should be accessible for cleaning and de-sludging. Any modification to the Septic tanks 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.

10.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 10.1 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency **within one (1) hour** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (oe.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).
- Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 10.6 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this on or before **March 31, each year.**
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 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.
- 10.9 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.

11.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/ LIABILITIES

- 11.1 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.
- 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.
- 11.3 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

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taken to prevent or minimize any resulting adverse effect, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

- 11.4 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 in 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.
- 11.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 11.3 and 11.4 of this Environmental Permit pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 11.6 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.
- 11.7 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.
- 11.8 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.
- 11.9 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.
- 11.10 The EPA reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's construction 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.
- 11.11 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

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- 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.
- 11.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel, or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 11.13 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is not the final consent; all relevant Permits should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 11.14 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein: October 2025 September 2030.
- 11.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **September 30**, **2030**, 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.
- 11.16 This Permit shall be renewed by submitting a completed *Application Form for Renewal of Environmental Authorization* to the Agency at least six months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **March 31**, **2030**.
- 11.17 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.
- 11.18 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 Sharfal Protection Remray Parsram

Executive Director

on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Date

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Executive Director



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

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