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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 (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.**

<b>Reference No.:</b>	<b>20240118 MJWPD</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Medium (C1) - US\$500 per year</b>
<b>Fees Paid:</b>	<b>US\$ 1500 for Three (3) years (July 2025 to June 2028)</b>
<b>Addressee:</b>	<b>Mahindranauth Jaikaran CEO Associated Packers Industry 55 John Street, Campbellville, Georgetown, Guyana.</b>
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Storage and Repackaging of Food Products</b>

Associated Packers Industry, hereinafter referred to as the “Permit Holder”, is hereby authorized in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, for the Storage and Repackaging of Food Products at 555 Plantation, Little Diamond, East Bank, Demerara, hereinafter referred to as the “Project”, in the manner indicated in the Application for Environmental Authorisation submitted on January 18, 2024, 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.

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

### **1.0 GENERAL OPERATION**

- 1.1 An application shall be made 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
  - effect any other change outlined in Regulation 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations



- 1.2 All employees and third parties under your direction shall be made aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation.
- 1.3 The Permit Holder shall provide training on good environmental practices. Annual training records shall be maintained on-site and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 1.4 Fire prevention and control equipment shall be maintained in accordance with the **Guyana Fire Service Approval**.
- 1.5 Adhere to the **Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana** requirements.

## 2.0 AIR QUALITY

- 2.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000**.
- 2.2 Best Available Technologies (BATs) shall be implemented to reduce particulate matter (pm) emissions into the environment especially from:
  - 2.2.1 Grain receiving and handling;
  - 2.2.2 Preliminary cleaning;
  - 2.2.3 Cleaning House;
  - 2.2.4 Storage;
  - 2.2.5 Bulk loading; and
  - 2.2.6 Bagging.
- 2.3 In the event of equipment malfunction or inefficiencies which may result in visible emissions to air or, in the event of the malfunction leads to abnormal emissions, the operator shall:
  - i. Investigate and undertake remedial action **immediately**;
  - ii. Adjust the process or activity to minimise those emissions; and
  - iii. Record the events and actions taken. This shall be submitted in the annual report.
- 2.4 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 World Health Organization (WHO) 2021 Air Quality Guidelines:

Air Pollutant	Averaging Time	Maximum Permissible Level	Type of Monitoring
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	24h	15 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ambient
PM <sub>10</sub>	24h	50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ambient

Air quality monitoring shall be conducted **annually** 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**.

- 2.5 Mechanical equipment shall be operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

### 3.0 NOISE QUALITY

- 3.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 3.2 Noise emissions shall be monitored 15 meters away from the source of noise (at the Project's boundary) **annually** 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))

Noise Quality monitoring shall be conducted **annually** 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**.

- 3.3 Significant noise-producing equipment, such as generators, 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) Noise Emission Guidelines.
- 3.4 Machines/ equipment capable of causing noise shall be serviced in accordance to 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 for inspection by the EPA upon request.

### 4.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 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 impervious bases at strategic locations, both within and outside the facility.



- 4.2 Good housekeeping, sanitary practices, and the aesthetic quality of your surroundings shall be maintained.
- 4.3 Waste materials shall not be burnt on site. All solid waste shall be disposed of at an approved solid waste disposal site.
- 4.4 Promote waste minimization and the reuse and/or recycling of waste and other materials where practical.
- 4.6 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).
- 4.7 The Permit Holder shall construct and 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.
- 4.8 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*.

## 5.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 5.1 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency **within 24 hours** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g., oil spills, hazardous materials/wastes, chemicals 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).
- 5.1 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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).



- 5.5 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Permit on or before **March 31 each year**.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 Adhere to 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.
- 5.8 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.

## **6.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/ LIABILITIES**

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 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



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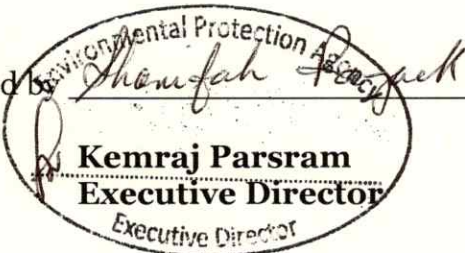
- 6.6 The Permit Holder shall not be indemnified by the Agency for any activity that causes or is likely to cause pollution to the environment, resulting from adverse effects through the discharge, any contaminant in any amount, concentration, ultra-hazardous substances, chemicals or otherwise, and shall be rendered liable to prosecution and to penalties prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act and Regulations.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 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.
- 6.9 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.
- 6.10 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.
- 6.11 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.
- 6.12 The EPA has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 6.13 **This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 6.14 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein: **July 2025 to June 2028.**



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- 6.15 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **June 30, 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.
- 6.16 This Permit must 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 **December 31, 2027**.
- 6.17 Any late submission of renewal application after the specified date as stated above, the Agency 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.
- 6.18 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: 2025.07.14

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**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, 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.**

<b>NAME:</b>	<i>Mahindranauth Laikaran</i>
<b>DESIGNATION:</b>	<i>CEO</i>
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<i>M/ach</i>
<b>DATE:</b>	<i>29/07/2025</i>

