



Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
Environmental Protection Agency



September 19, 2024

Reference #: 20150811 - JFLSP

Mr. Jeremy Fernandes
Manager - Policy
John Fernandes Limited
24 Water Street
Georgetown
Guyana



Dear Mr. Fernandes,

Re: Environmental Permit (Renewed and Modified) for the Operation of a Port Facility with Temporary Containers and Chemicals Storage, and Mechanical Workshop with Fuel Storage

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared an Environmental Permit (Renewed and Modified) for the Operation of a Port Facility with Temporary Containers and Chemicals Storage and a Mechanical Workshop with Fuel Storage. Kindly be informed that some conditions of the Environmental Permit have been modified, and some new ones have been added to enhance the Permit's clarity, measurability, and overall effectiveness (please refer to the attachment).

Please sign the Environmental Permit to indicate your acceptance of its terms and conditions and agreement to comply with the statutory requirements of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

The cost for the Permit is **US\$ 4000 for five (5) years (i.e., US\$ 800 per year)**. You are **required to pay this fee or its equivalent in Guyana dollars using the Bank of Guyana Inc. daily exchange rate**. Payment can be made to the Environmental Protection Agency in cash, Manager's, or Personal Cheque in Guyana dollars. Please note that **Personal Cheques written in United States dollars will not be accepted**.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tricia Braithwaite, Environmental Officer, Manufacturing/Industry Department, at 225-0506 (Ext. 2365) or email industry@epaguyana.org.



Attachment: List of permit conditions that have been modified and added.

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LIST OF PERMIT CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED AND ADDED

1.0 OPERATION

This section has been modified to include conditions from section “2.0 PORT FACILITY AND VESSEL BERTHS.”

NB: the section 2.0 PORT FACILITY AND VESSEL BERTHS has been removed.

2.0 TEMPORARY CONTAINER STORAGE

The following condition was added to the permit:

- 2.1 Storage of empty containers at the Temporary Storage area shall not exceed a period of seven (7) days. Records shall be maintained and made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.

The following conditions were removed from this section of the permit:

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

- 3.10 Monitor noise emissions from the operation at the property boundary to determine compliance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) Guidelines for Noise Emission into the Environment. Noise levels shall not exceed the following:

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

80 B (Night-time (18:00 – 06:00 h))

Monitoring shall be conducted on a regular basis **(determined by the Permit Holder and approved by the EPA)** by trained personnel using calibrated Type 2 sound Level Meters. Records of all monitoring exercises shall be maintained and submitted as part of the Annual Report.

3.0 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE (paint and fertilizers)

All conditions under this section are new.

6.0 WATER QUALITY

The following conditions were added to this section:

- 6.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 6.2 Discharge of bilge water, ballast water, oil waste, sewage, garbage, and other pollutants into the waterways **is strictly prohibited.**

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- 6.3 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 this Project and should not be exceeded:

Parameter	Daily Maximum Concentration	Units
pH	5.0 – 9.0	
Temperature	40	°C
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<100	mg/L
Oil and Grease	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) < 40	mg/ L

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

- 6.4 The Project shall construct and maintain an oil-water separator, and the GPS coordinate for this separator and its final discharge point shall be submitted to the EPA by **October 31, 2024**.

7.0 NOISE QUALITY

The following conditions were added to this section:

- 7.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) and Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000**.
- 7.2 Noise emissions shall be monitored 15 meters from 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 – 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**.
- 7.3 All equipment and machinery 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.

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- 7.4 All equipment and machinery shall be placed upon foundations properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations.
- 7.5 All significant noise-producing equipment, such as generators, shall be equipped with appropriate silencers or mufflers and/or enclosed in suitable acoustic enclosures where necessary to reduce noise levels impacting the surrounding environment and achieve compliance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) requirement.

Section “5.0 MANAGEMENT OF FERROUS, NON-FERROUS SCRAP METALS AND ULABS” has been modified/merged to Section “8.0 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT” of the Environmental Permit (Renewed and Modified)

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Environmental Permit (Renewed & Modified)

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.:	20150811-JFLSP
Fee:	Medium (C2) i.e., US\$ 800 per year
Fee Paid:	US\$4000 for Five (5) years (September 2024- August 2029)
Addressee:	John Fernandes Limited 24 Water Street Georgetown Guyana
Activity:	Port Facility with Temporary Containers and Chemicals Storage, and Mechanical Workshop with Fuel Storage

John Fernandes Limited, 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 the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, for a Port Facility with Temporary Containers and Chemicals Storage, and Mechanical Workshop with Fuel Storage at 24, Water Street, Georgetown Guyana, hereinafter referred to as the “Project,” in a manner indicated in the Application for Renewal of an Environmental Authorisation submitted on January 16, 2024, 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 and Modification of Environmental Permit (Modified), Reference No. 20150811-JFLSP, issued on July 18, 2023, and expired on May 31, 2024.

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

1.0 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

- 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 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.
- 1.3 All employees and third parties under the Project's direction shall be made aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation.
- 1.4 The Permit Holder shall provide training on good environmental practices.
- 1.5 Operation of the Vessel Berths shall be in accordance with the **Maritime Administration Department (MARAD), Sea & River Defence and Drainage & Irrigation Laws of Guyana**, and any other applicable guidelines.
- 1.6 Periodic maintenance of the Berths, such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, shall be conducted without causing any physical disruption of the watercourse.
- 1.7 The Best Available Practices shall be established and maintained for the prevention of pollution of the Demerara River from erosion, siltation, fuel/lubricants, solid waste, etc., and made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.
- 1.8 Vessels shall be moored in depths that allow them to remain afloat but prevent propellers from disturbing bottom sediments.
- 1.9 All vessels docked at the berth shall remain in compliance with the **International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)**.
- 1.10 Fire prevention and control equipment at the Port shall be maintained in accordance with **Guyana Fire Service Approval**.
- 1.11 Adhere to the requirements of the **Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana**.
- 2.0 TEMPORARY CONTAINER STORAGE**
- 2.1 Storage of empty containers at the Temporary Storage area shall not exceed a period of seven (7) days. Records shall be maintained and made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.
- 2.2 Empty containers shall be stacked separately from those with cargoes.

- 2.3 Containers shall be stacked corner post to corner post, and the point of contact shall be flush and not off-centered.
- 2.4 Stacking of containers shall not exceed eight (8) containers on top of each other.
- 2.5 Equipment and cargo shall not be stored in passageways, including forklifts and pedestrian walkways in the warehouses.
- 2.6 The ingress to and egress from the warehouses shall be cleared and freed of obstructions at all times.
- 2.7 Where applicable, equipment stored in the warehouses shall not be stacked more than three (3) tiers high.
- 2.8 Maintenance of equipment, parts, and tools **shall not** be conducted in the warehouses.

3.0 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE (paint and fertilizers)

- 3.1 Chemicals shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions or Safety Data Sheet (SDS) instructions.
- 3.2 Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals shall be readily available and easily accessible at all times at the Project.
- 3.3 Chemical Storage Areas shall be clearly labelled with "Danger, Chemical Storage Area- Authorized Personnel Only" where applicable as a spill control measure.
- 3.4 Secondary containment (bund 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
- 3.5 Chemicals shall be stored away from non-hazardous materials.
- 3.6 Chemicals shall be segregated and stored in accordance with their hazard characteristics compatibility, e.g., toxic, flammable, corrosive, acid, etc.
- 3.7 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
- 3.8 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 for inspection by the EPA upon request.
- 3.9 Chemicals **shall not** be stored on damaged or inadequately secured racking or on damaged pallets to minimize the risk of spills.
- 3.10 A register of the quantities of chemicals stored at the Project shall be established and maintained. Registered information shall be maintained onsite and made available for inspection by the EPA upon request.
- 3.11 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 for inspection by the EPA upon request.
- 3.12 The Project shall be clearly labeled, secured, and well-illuminated when not in use. The following warning signs shall be clearly posted.
- i. Danger- Chemical Storage Area "Authorized Personnel Only"
 - ii. Read and follow all label directions
 - iii. No Smoking
 - iv. No Eating or Drinking
 - v. Exit
 - vi. Entrance
 - vii. Fire Safety Equipment

4.0 FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE (DIESEL ONLY)

- 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.
- 4.3 '**No Smoking**' signs shall be posted where fuel is handled or stored.
- 4.4 Secondary containment around the fuel tanks shall be inspected monthly for cracks and breakage to ensure they are liquid-tight to withstand hydrostatic pressure of any contained liquid when full. A summarized inspection report shall be kept and provided to the EPA upon request.

- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 Fuel storage tanks shall be visually inspected to verify their integrity. A summarised inspection report shall be kept and provided to the EPA for inspection upon request.
- 4.7 Protection measures for fuel storage tanks, such as painting and coating, shall be maintained to minimise corrosion of fuel tanks.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 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.
- 4.10 The safe fill level shall be identified on the gauge and set at 90% to prevent overfilling. In the event of overfilling, all discharges shall be released into the containment bund.

5.0 MECHANICAL WORKSHOP

- 5.1 Servicing and maintenance of vehicles and equipment shall be conducted within the confines of the workshops on an impervious base.
- 5.2 A drip pan shall be utilized to capture waste oil spills during servicing and maintenance activities.
- 5.3 Engine oil, grease, lubricants, and other chemicals used at the workshops shall be stored in accordance with the Safety Data Sheets (SDS). SDS shall be readily available and easily accessible.
- 5.4 Flammable materials shall be stored away from ignition sources.
- 5.5 '**No Smoking**' signs shall be posted where such materials are handled and stored.
- 5.6 Waste oil and oil-contaminated waste from servicing and maintenance activities, such as rags, filters, etc., shall be collected, treated, and disposed of by an EPA-Authorised Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
- 5.7 All 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) requirement.

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- 6.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
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8.0 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 8.2 Ferrous, non-ferrous scrap metals and ULABs shall be stored under a covered area on an impervious surface that is protected from the ingress of storm or rainwater.
- 8.3 The shed shall be maintained and clearly demarcated and not accessible to unauthorized persons.
- 8.4 Secondary containment (bunded area) shall be established and maintained around storage areas of all ULABs and waste oil.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 An inventory of ferrous and non-ferrous scrap wastes and ULABs shall be established and maintained. The reports shall be made available to the EPA upon request.
- 8.8 Hazardous waste shall be stored in containers appropriate for the waste stream.

That is:

Sealed Metal Containers

- i. Solvents and Petroleum- based products;
- ii. Waste ink, Press-wash, Oil, and Oily Absorbents

- 8.9 Hazardous waste containers shall be labelled with the following:
- i. The words **“Hazardous Waste”**
 - ii. The type of waste
 - iii. Beginning accumulation date, i.e., 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.
- 8.10 Waste oil containers shall be labelled with the following:
- i. The words **“Waste Oil or “Used oil”**
 - ii. Beginning accumulation date
- 8.11 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. Bunded area shall provide 110% containment of the largest volume stored therein.
- 8.12 Hazardous waste shall be treated and/or disposed of by an EPA authorised Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
- 8.13 Each transport of hazardous waste shall generate a manifest. The manifest shall contain the following:
- i. The name and address of the waste generator;
 - ii. The name and description of the waste and hazardous class;
 - iii. The number and type of containers;
 - iv. The quantity of waste being transported; and
 - v. The name and address of the facility designated to receive the waste
- 8.14 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. Place covered garbage receptacles, each on an impervious base and at a strategic location, within and outside the storage facility.

- 9.2 Burning of solid waste **is strictly prohibited**. All solid waste shall be disposed of by an EPA-Authorised Waste Disposal Company.
- 9.3 Good housekeeping, sanitary, and hygienic practices shall be maintained at all times. The Facility's surroundings shall be kept free of vegetation and litter.
- 9.4 Waste minimization and the reuse and/or recycling of waste and other materials shall be promoted where practical.
- 9.5 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).

10.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 10.1 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, and 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).
- 10.2 The Company shall respond to all environmental emergencies (e.g., chemical spills, fires, etc.) in accordance with the **Emergency Response Plan (ERP)** submitted to the EPA.
- 10.3 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 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).
- 10.7 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this on or before **March 31, each year**.
- 10.8 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 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.
- 10.9 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.
- 10.10 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.
- 11.2 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.
- 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 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 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 (Renewed) 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, ultrahazardous 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 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 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 & Modified) is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 11.14 This Environmental Permit (Renewed & Modified) is effective for the period stipulated herein: **September 2024 to August 2029.**
- 11.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed & Modified) shall remain valid until **August 31, 2029**, 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 must be renewed by submitting a completed Renewed Application

Form for Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **February 28, 2029**.

- 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 Laws of Guyana.

Signed by



Kemraj Parsram
Executive Director


on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Date

2024.09.19

I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit (Renewed & Modified) 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	Zach Gonsalves
DATE	17 th January, 2025
SIGNATURE	
DESIGNATION	Company Secretary

