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Environmental Permit

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Fee:	Large C1- US\$1,500 per year
Fee Paid:	US\$7,500 (March, 2022 -February, 2027)- Five (5) years
Addressee:	<p>Mr. Carl Chen Health Safety and Environment Director Aurora Gold Mine Incorporated (Zi Jin Mining Group Co. Ltd) Third Floor, R&S Mall Apartment District Track C, Mandela Avenue Durban Backlands Georgetown</p> <div data-bbox="998 1071 1421 1239"><p>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Database Updated <i>A. Griffith 27-Jun-22</i></p></div>
Activity:	Storage and Trans-shipment of Mining Related Materials, Process Reagents & Equipment

Aurora Gold Mine Incorporated (Zi Jin Mining Group Co. Ltd), herein after referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05 Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to Store Mining Chemicals, Products & Equipment at Buckhall Port Facility, Left Bank, Essequibo River, Region# 03, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", in the manner indicated in the Applications for Environmental Authorisation submitted on January 20, 2022, 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, best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

The Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractors shall comply

with the following Terms and Conditions for Operation:

1.0 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 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 **Adhere to the approved Revised Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) dated February 21, 2020, and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and the Institutional Requirements for the Management Plan including *inter alia* Water Management, Explosives Management, Cyanide Management, Social Management Plan, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, Water Management Plan, Reclamation and Closure Plan, Spill Prevention and Control Plan, Biodiversity Management Plan, ESHS Monitoring Plan, Hazardous Materials Management Plan, Influx Management Plan, Emergency Response Plan and Procedure and the Industrial Accident and Management Plan.**
- a) Ensure the above-mentioned Plans and procedures are regularly updated and submitted to the Agency within **three (3) months** of any update(s).
- 1.3 Adhere to the stipulations within the **Mining Act, No. 20 of 1989**, the **Mining Regulations including the Mining (Amendment) Regulations, 2005**, and all other local Regulations that relates to the Buckhall Site.
- 1.4 Ensure that adequate and appropriately sized Emergency spill clean-up kits are readily available at all times. The procurement and storage of Emergency Sill Kits should be based on the quantity of material being stored on site, clearly identified and maintained at the Site (Buckhall) for response to spills. Kits must contain absorbent materials, drain seals and other appropriate tools for clean-up.
- 1.5 A register of the quantities of Chemicals stored and used at the Buckhall Site shall be established and maintained at all times. Further, a summary of the registered information shall be submitted to the Agency as part of the **Annual Report yearly**.
- 1.6 Adhere to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws,

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of Guyana in relation to the storage and handling of hazardous materials at the Buckhall location.

- 1.7 Ensure that all employees and third-party contractors involved in the management of chemicals are trained in Hazardous Material Handling and Emergency Preparedness Response. Training reports shall be prepared and maintained on site at all times and made available to the EPA upon request.
- 1.8 Employees shall at all times be well protected and equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) relevant to the occupational tasks during operation. These Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must include but not be limited to:
 - i. Safety helmets;
 - ii. Protective respiratory devices
 - iii. Safety boots with ankle support;
 - iv. Gloves with reinforced palms and fingers; and
 - v. Tightly fitted safety goggles.
- 1.9 Make all employees and third-party contractors aware of the Conditions of this Environmental Permit, and provide training on good environmental management practices, occupational health and safety, and of their obligations under this Permit.
- 1.10 Utilise the land in accordance with the site plan and information in Application for Environmental Authorisation submitted to the Agency. All specifications of the location, pathways, reserves and boundary lines must be adhered to, unless otherwise authorised.
- 1.11 Completely cover or enclose all transported material in a manner that prevents the material from becoming airborne, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping from the transporting vehicle.
- 1.12 Ensure that transportation of hazardous and non-hazardous materials to and from the Buckhall site does not encumber road traffic within the transported routes.
- 1.13 Ensure all necessary steps are taken to ensure the safety of the employees transporting hazardous and non-hazardous materials and other road users are protect when transporting wide or oversize load along the road from Buckhall Port Facility to AGM Inc. (Zi Jin) Mine Site.
- 1.14 A highly visible and legible label shall be affixed to the vehicle(s) transporting waste and shall include the following information:

Danger

Contains Hazardous Materials

- 1.15 Vehicles and equipment utilised to lift and transport packaged hazardous materials shall have rated capacity to support the full weight of packages.
- 1.16 Ensure fire protection measures are provided and in accordance with the guidelines established by the Guyana Fire Service.
- 1.17 Ensure that all operations of the Port Facility are in accordance with the **River Navigation Act, Cap. 50:01** and the requirement of the Guyana Maritime Administration Department.
- 1.18 Ensure proper signage and security measures are instituted to keep unauthorised persons from accessing restricted and high-risk areas in and around the Buckhall Port Facility.

2.0 STORAGE OF MINING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- 2.1 Apply the **International Cyanide Management Code for the Manufacture, Transport and Use of Cyanide in the Production of Gold**.
- 2.2 **DO Not undertake** any direct delivery of cyanide to the Aurora Site via River transport from Buckhall Port Facility, cyanide must only be transport across the Cuyuni River using barges at Tapir Crossing.
- 2.3 Restrict the ferry traversing the Tapir Crossing to transport only one ISO delivery/mixing tank at a time.
- 2.4 Hazardous Materials Storage Areas shall be clearly labeled with "Danger, Caution or Warning sign for operations of Authorised Personnel Only".
- 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 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.
- 2.7 All Hazardous Materials shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's directions or Safety Data Sheet (SDS) instructions.
- 2.8 Chemical spills during handling or loading shall be **immediately** cleaned, as guided by the respective Safety Data Sheet.

- 2.9 Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals should be readily available and easily accessible at all times at the Buckhall Site. All Safety Data Sheet should be checked based on the accuracy of the actual circumstances and be updated it as needed.
- 2.10 Adhere to the labelling requirements of all chemicals with regards to incompatibility with other materials stored within the Facility.
- 2.11 Chemicals shall be segregated as indicated below to reduce the risk of mixing of spills and fire:
- i. Acids separate from Caustics;
 - ii. Acids separate from Bases;
 - iii. Acids separate from Flammables;
 - iv. Bases separate from Flammables;
 - v. Oxidizers separate from Compressed Flammable Gases;
 - vi. Corrosives separate from Flammables;
 - vii. Oxides separate from all other chemicals;
 - viii. Organic reactive separate from inorganic reactive (metals); and
 - ix. Any other stipulated standards for storage or segregation of chemicals.
- 2.12 All chemical containers shall be clearly labeled. These labels shall include the material name, manufacturer, and date received and/or prepared.
- 2.13 Chemical containers and Storage Sites shall be clearly labelled in accordance with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) 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 Identifiers.
- 2.14 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.
- 2.15 Chemicals stored within drums shall:
- a) Be placed within banded storage to ensure any leaks or spills are immediately

contained;

- b) Be clearly marked with their contents, and any appropriate warning symbols;
- c) Be regularly inspected to detect rust, leaks or other damage; and
- d) Remain covered to protect the integrity of your chemicals.

- 2.16 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.
- 2.17 Chemicals **shall not** be stored on damaged, or inadequately secured racking or on damaged pallets to minimise the risk of spills.
- 2.18 Chemicals **shall not** be stored in passageways including forklift truck routes, other vehicle routes to reduce the occurrence of spillage.
- 2.19 Emergency exits at the warehouse **shall not** be obstructed by chemical storage containers.

3.0 VECTOR CONTROL

- 3.1 Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, used plastic or other containers that collect and hold water. Do not allow water to accumulate in the saucers of flowerpot, cemetery urns or in pet dishes for more than (2) two days.
- 3.2 Clean debris from rain gutters and remove any standing water under or around structures, or on flat roofs. Check around faucets and air conditioner units and repair leaks or eliminate puddles that remain for several days.
- 3.3 Ensure that all drains, puddles, ditches or swampy areas are backfilled. Further and where applicable either remove drain or fill tree holes and stumps with mortar. If it is impossible to fill or drain area, they should be treated with Abate 1 % sand granules.
- 3.4 Arrange the plastic or canvas used as covering etc. to ensure trapped water is drain.
- 3.5 Ensure that all connections are correctly fitted to reduce the incident of seepage from cisterns, cesspools and septic tanks.
- 3.6 Irrigate site carefully to prevent water from standing for several days.

4.0 ROAD

- 4.1 Maintain one access road from the Buckhall Port Facility to Aurora Mine site. This road should be maintained to the narrowest width and lowest vertical alignment possible allowing for safe travel and passing of the largest vehicles planned for travel on the road. Monitor frequently the accessibility of this road and ensure that transportation of the

company trucks and vehicles does not encumber traffic on the Barama Road.

- 4.2 Maintain access roads in such a manner to ensure good drainage, erosion control and dust management. The running surface of the roads should be crowned with a compacted layer and with good drainage on both sides to catch and direct water to the local drainage system.
- 4.3 Ensure that culverts are installed along new roadways at points of low elevation to maintain local drainage patterns. All water crossings (culverts or bridges) along roads should be sized to handle wet season flows.
- 4.4 Maintain safety signs along roads informing users of dangerous bends, crossing of haul trucks, speed limits, etc.
- 4.5 Ensure sedimentation collections basins at the invert of culverts to prevent or minimise siltation of culverts.

5.0 WATER QUALITY

- 5.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 5.2 Point source discharge of effluent from the Buckhall Site into the Essequibo River or any opened surface waterbody is **strictly prohibited.**
- 5.3 Discharges from the Chemical Storage Bond is **strictly prohibited into the Essequibo River or any other surface water body.**
- 5.4 All equipment re-fuelling shall be conducted on an impervious base in a designated area, away from all watercourses and drainage channels to prevent water contamination.
- 5.5 Drainage system shall be kept flowing and free of debris and vegetation at all times. There should be scheduled cleaning of the drainage network on a regular basis.
- 5.6 Storm water shall be directed away from Chemical Storage Bond.
- 5.7 Hazardous materials shall not be stored in an area where it could potentially enter any waterways as a result of heavy rainfall or high winds. All hazardous materials shall be stored away from any water source.
- 5.8 If spillage of hazardous material occurs and the storage area is subject to washing, all wash water shall be directed into a sump/sample box on site.
- 5.9 Washed water from hazardous material storage facility should be directed to the sump and should be removed and treated by an authorised hazardous waste facility.

- 5.10 Install, operate and maintain oil/water separator(s) at maintenance workshop and fuel storage and handling areas.

6.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 6.2 Noise emissions shall be monitored at the boundary of the Buckhall site 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** during the daytime (06:00 h - 18:00 h)
 80 dB during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)

- 6.3 All significant noise-producing equipment, such as generators, shall be equipped with silencers or mufflers and/or be enclosed in suitable acoustic enclosures to reduce noise levels impacting the surrounding environment and to achieve compliance with Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) requirement.
- 6.4 In the event of equipment malfunction or **inefficiencies** which may result in visible emissions to air or, in the event of malfunction leads to abnormal emissions, the operator shall:
- investigate and undertake remedial action **immediately**;
 - adjust the process or activity to minimize those emissions; and
 - record the events and actions taken. This shall be submitted in the annual report.

7.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 In accordance with the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations 2013**, promote good sanitation and solid waste disposal practices on site. Place covered garbage receptacles, each on an impervious base and at a strategic location, within and outside the storage facility.
- 7.2 Maintain septic system (s) and/or sewage treatment plant on site at all times. Septic tanks should not be located within 1.5 m of a building or property boundary and should be accessible for any cleaning and de-sludging. Any modification to 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*.
- 7.3 Promote proper solid waste management and disposal practices at your facility. Waste

shall not be disposed in or near waterways, nor should waste be burnt near housing areas or vegetated areas. Reduction or reuse of waste should be promoted.

- 7.4 Ensure that the waste disposal sites are at least **one hundred (100) meters** away from any watercourses, or habitation. The waste sites shall be constructed above the ground water table and lined to the floor with an impervious earthen or other material to prevent leaching to ground water.
- 7.5 Good house-keeping, sanitary, and hygienic practices shall be maintained at all times.
- 7.6 Waste collection areas shall be kept clean at all times. Ensure that dry methods are used when cleaning around waste handling and disposal areas (e.g., sweeping, use of absorbents).
- 7.7 Collect and store used batteries, used tires and any other hazardous waste on site until ready for disposal in a manner approved by the EPA.
- 7.8 Refrain from draining fuel/lubricants, including waste oils of any quantity from equipment on to the ground and waterways.
- 7.9 All waste oil generated at the Buckhall Site shall be transported to Aurora Mine Site for incineration.
- 7.10 Ensure that waste separation occurs at all waste collection areas at Buckhall before waste is disposed or incinerated or reuse if possible.

8.0 FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE

- 8.1 Fuel shall at all times be stored above-ground, in a cool, dry place and away from ignition sources, in a bunded area to allow easy maintenance and leak detection.
- 8.2 Maintain an impervious secondary containment wall around fuel storage tanks, creating a temporary holding area in the event of accidental spillage. The containment wall for areas with multiple tanks must have the capacity to provide at least 110% containment of the largest tank. The containment wall for areas with solitary tanks must have the capacity to provide 110% containment of each fuel tank.
- 8.3 Existing secondary containment around the fuel tanks shall be inspected monthly for cracks and breakage to ensure they are liquid tight to withstand hydrostatic pressure.
- 8.4 Ensure that the integrity of all fuel storage facilities is reported on in your quarterly report to the Agency.
- 8.5 Conduct equipment refueling, maintenance and placement activities are carried out on an impervious base to prevent fuel spills/leaks. Oil spills should be cleaned-up by the

best practicable means, to prevent runoff into any watercourse within the Buckhall Site.

- 8.6 All piping must enter or exit the containment over the wall and no part of the tank infrastructure (e.g., dispenser, filling hoses and valves) shall protrude outside the containment.
- 8.7 Ensure that signs are installed in the fuel storage areas, such as 'No Smoking', 'Flammable Materials', etc.
- 8.8 Protection measures for fuel storage tanks such as painting and coating shall be maintained to minimize corrosion of fuel tanks.
- 8.9 Maintenance and/or repair of fittings, pipes and hoses shall be conducted monthly and in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. A summarized inspection report shall be compiled and submitted to the Agency as part of the Annual Report required in Condition 9.2.
- 8.10 Secondary containment, drip trays or other overflow and drip containment measures shall be installed and maintained at connection points or other possible overflow points.
- 8.11 Install, operate and maintain oil/water separator(s) at all secondary containment bonds.
- 8.12 Leak detecting and over fill systems shall be installed on all fuel tanks. At least two (2) of the following measures shall be implemented:
 - (a) Overflow alarms on tanks;
 - (b) Gauging system;
 - (c) Dipstick measurements;
 - (d) Sensors on walls of tanks; or
 - (e) Electric Shutdown Valve.

9.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 9.1 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this **Environmental Permit**, insofar as they involve adherence by employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 9.2 Submit **Environmental Annual Reports** to the EPA on or before **March 31** every year on your compliance with this Permit.
- 9.3 Submit to the Agency, the facility's Certificate of Registry from the Guyana Maritime Administration Department.
- 9.4 Ensure the reports and records of monitoring include the following:
 - i. The names of the individuals and designations, who conducted sampling, prepared and compiled the reports;

- ii. The date, place/location, time, weather conditions, techniques and methods used in sampling;
 - iii. The date the measurements were compiled or analysed and the names of the individuals who compiled the information;
 - iv. Observations, readings, calculations, benchmarks, bench data, the results of analyses;
 - v. Limitations of the sampling process and all other occurrence at the time of study, which may affect the results;
 - vi. Photographs and drawings of all relevant aspects of the operation; and
 - vii. The state of operation of facilities at the time of measurement, including planned and unplanned shutdowns, production levels and achievement of design capacity, identification of release point, source of release and substances being released.
- 9.5 Comply with any lawful directions given by the EPA from time-to-time in furtherance of the implementation of any international or other obligations for the environmental protection.
- 9.6 Inform the Agency prior to or within **thirty (30) days** of any change of name or ownership of the operation.
- 9.7 Notify the Agency within **twenty-one (21) days** in event of bankruptcy, liquidation or receivership of the Permit Holder or if the Company becomes a party to an amalgamation.
- 9.8 Notify the EPA within **forty-five (45) minutes** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies such as a sudden disaster, accident, natural, technological or human induced factors that cause or threaten to cause severe environmental damage as well as harm to human health or livelihood.
- 9.9 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with the **Environmental Permit**:
- 9.9.1 Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, the anticipated manner in which it may endanger human health or the environment.
 - 9.9.2 Within **seventy-two (72) hours**, submit to the Agency a written report containing a description of the non-compliance, its cause and the period of non-compliance including exact dates and time.
 - 9.9.3 Submit a report to the Agency indicating the reasons and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance has not been corrected.
- 9.10 Implement relevant measures/agreements to avoid conflicts with other land users/communities. Conflicts should be reported to the relevant authorities if they

occur.

- 9.11 Inform the **National Trust and Walter Roth Museum** if any artefacts of archaeological and anthropological significance are unearthed during any developmental activity at the Buckhall Site.
- 9.12 Notify the EPA within **forty-five (45) minutes** of any accidental release of contaminants or incidence of pollution into the environment. The Permit Holder shall provide the financial, equipment and technical capacity to respond to any emergency that may occur on site and emergency response shall be immediate.
- 9.13 The Permit Holder shall provide the financial, equipment and technical capacity to respond to any emergency that may occur on site and emergency response shall be immediate.
- 9.14 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.
- 9.15 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.

10.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/ LIABILITIES

- 10.1 The Permit Holder shall be strictly liable for any loss or damage to the environment through any act caused intentionally or recklessly, through the adverse effect of any discharge or release, or cause or permit the entry of pollution, contaminant in any amount, concentration or level in excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by any environmental authorisation which are attributed to any Project (and more specifically petroleum activities). S. 19(1) EP Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.2 The Permit Holder shall comply strictly with section 39 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the Environmental Protection Act Cap 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.3 The Permit Holder shall strictly observe section 19 (3) of the Environmental Protection Act Cap 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.4 The Permit Holder may be liable for environmental damage due to pollution from its activities within Guyana.
- 10.5 The EPA reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's operation as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

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- 10.6 The Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) 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 s. 38 of Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, 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 be liable to penalties prescribed under paragraph (c) of the Fifth Schedule for doing so.
- 10.7 The EPA reserves the right to review/amend the conditions attached to this Permit, which also includes the review and/or amendment of permit fees in consideration of any changes in fee structure as determined by the Agency for projects of this nature.
- 10.8 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 10.9 This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant permission shall be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.
- 10.10 The Permit Holder shall compensate any Party who suffers any loss of damage as a result of the attributed project. (Part V, s.19 (3) (e) Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.11 The Permit Holder shall be responsible for the payment of all cost related to the assessment of damage and costs for the independent assessor(s).
- 10.12 The Agency (EPA) shall notify the Permit Holder immediately of any written claim or notice sent by any complainant seeking loss or damage for negligence as a result of the Permit Holder lack of due care and diligence.
- 10.13 Should the Permit Holder contravene or is likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve on him an enforcement notice in accordance with s. 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap.20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.14 Where it appears to the Agency (EPA) that the Permit Holder is engaged in any activity that may pose serious threat to natural resources or serious pollution of the environment or any damage to public health, the Permit Holder shall be issued with a Prohibition Notice Order to immediately cease the offending activity in accordance with s. 27 Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.15 Where the Permit Holder in accordance with s. 19(3) is found liable for the contaminant or for the process involving the contaminant or who causes or permits a discharge as aforementioned in relation to above, the Permit Holder shall:
- Immediately notify the Agency of the discharge;
 - Concentration and amount of contaminant;

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- Circumstances of the discharge; and
- What action he/she has taken or intends to take to restore the natural environment; and
- Be liable to pay for the cost of an independent investigation into the discharge.

- 10.16 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 marine environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants from the fuel storage at any facilities permitted under this project.
- 10.17 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein; **April, 2022 to March, 2027.**
- 10.18 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **March 31, 2027**, unless otherwise suspended, cancelled, modified or varied, in accordance with the provisions of this Permit or the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 10.19 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 **September 31, 2027.**
- 10.20 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.
- 10.21 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.
Kemraj Parsram
Executive Director

Date 2022. 04. 25

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.

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