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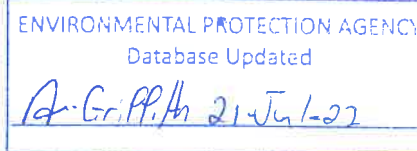
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## **Environmental Permit**

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.

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| Reference No.: | 20220329-VPSMC                                       |
| Fee:           | Medium (C2) - US\$800 per year                       |
| Fees Paid:     | US\$4,000 for five (5) years – July 2022 to May 2027 |

**Addressee:**                      **Mr. Vishwan Baichan**  
   **Proprietor**  
   **V.P Baichan and Sons Enterprise**  
   **Grant 1778 Crabwood Creek**  
   **Corentyne, Berbice.**



**Activity: Operation of Wharf and Stone Crushing Plant.**

Mr. Vishwan Baichan, herein 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 operate a wharf and Stone Crushing Plant, located at Grant 1178 Crabwood Creek, Corentyne Berbice, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", in the manner indicated in the Application submitted on March 29, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, existing or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act and/or any other applicable Laws of Guyana, best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

**Terms and Conditions for construction and operation to be adhered to by the Permit Holder, his servants, agents and sub-contractors**

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**1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 Make an Application to the Agency to vary this Environmental 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. Affect any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Adhere to requirements of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act, Cap 99:10, Laws of Guyana.**
- 1.3 Provide Employees with training on: good environmental management practices; occupational health and safety; and their obligations under this Permit (**Environmental Permit– Ref. No. 20220329-VPSMC**) on a regular basis.
- 1.4 Provide and maintain approval from the Guyana Fire Service and provide fire protection measures in accordance with this approval.
- 1.5 Any other developmental activities which may significantly affect the environment apart from the activities covered by this Permit (wharf activities, processing and storage of (**Quarry materials**) are **strictly prohibited** without prior approval from the EPA.
- 1.6 Install and maintain proper signage and security measures to keep unauthorized persons from accessing restricted and high-risk areas within boundaries of the facility.
- 1.7 At all times the operation of the Wharf and Stone Crushing Plant, shall be in a manner that will cause minimal adverse impact on public health and the environment.

**2.0 WHARF MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1 Ensure that transportation of barges and vessels to and from the project site does not encumber traffic on the Corentyne River, and is done in accordance with the requirements of the Surinamc Authorities. Liaise with other commuters and persons using the Corentyne River on crossing times to minimise the possibility of accidents.

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- 2.2 Avoid any river or road traffic hazards or unnecessary inconveniences to the general public through appropriate planning and management of operation sites.
- 2.3 Ensure that the transportation of quarriable materials by tugs and/or barges to and from the project site does not encumber traffic on the Corentyne River.
- 2.4 Implement all necessary measures to reduce turbidity and the release of contaminants from re-suspension of sediments in the water column and from exposure of sediments to higher oxygen levels.
- 2.5 Ensure that all maintenances are safely conducted to prevent the negative impacts on aquatic habitats and benthic organisms, human health and/or the environment, including the treatment, disposal and management of associated dredged materials.
- 2.6 Dredging must only be conducted for the new infrastructure component (Wharf) to create or maintain safe navigation access and for construction activities. Should dredging be required for a new channel leading to the wharf, an Application for Environmental Authorisation must be submitted to the EPA.

**3.0 CRUSHING PLANT**

- 3.1 Ensure that the Crushing Plant and ancillary equipment are operated in strict compliance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- 3.2 The unloading area of crushers and conveyor belts are to be enclosed and provided with a dust suppression system.
- 3.3 Ensure at all times crushing equipment is secured to a reinforced based so as to reduce the level of vibration and noise emitted from this equipment.

**4.0 WATER AND SOIL QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 Strictly comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations 2000**.
- 4.2 Maintain the integrity of the existing waterways at all times. Discharges from the operation into the **Corentyne River and surrounding environment** should be in accordance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards Interim *Guidelines for Industrial Effluent Discharge into the Environment* (IFC), US EPA and World Bank Water Quality Standards. The following maximum allowable limits should not be exceeded:

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| Parameter(s)                   | Maximum Allowable Limits | Frequency of Monitoring |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| pH                             | 5.0 – 9.0                | Annual                  |
| Temperature                    | <40°C                    | Annual                  |
| Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) | <50 mg/L                 | Annual                  |
| Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)   | < 250 mg/L               | Annual                  |
| Total Suspended Solids (TSS)   | <50 mg/L                 | Annual                  |
| Oil and Grease (O&G)           | <20 mg/L                 | Annual                  |
| Turbidity (NTU)                | <50mg/L                  | Annual                  |

- 4.3 Avoid erosion, siltation and sedimentation of existing water bodies within the vicinity of the Project Site. Do not discharge wastewater from washout and/or cleanout of bitumen, concrete, paint, and other construction materials into waterways unless appropriately treated.
- 4.4 Ensure erosion susceptible areas are sloped, benched or lined with erosion control structures to manage surface runoff.
- 4.5 Install sediment controls along site perimeter to receive sediments from surface runoff. Remove sediments before it accumulates to half of the above-ground height of the perimeter control.
- 4.6 Construct and maintain drainage systems capable of handling the probable maximum precipitation event.
- 4.7 Avoid soil and water contamination from fuel, grease, waste oils and other petroleum products that might be used at the facility.
- 4.8 Store fuel in a secured designated area to prevent accidental release into the surrounding environment, especially in rainy conditions. The designated area should not be within 100 m of surrounding water bodies.

**5.0 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 5.2 Comply with the *World Health Organisation (WHO) Air Quality Guidelines for Particulate Matter in the Environment*, not exceeding the limits below:

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**PM<sub>2.5</sub>:** 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual mean

25 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour mean

**PM<sub>10</sub>:** 20 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annual mean

50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour mean

- 5.3 Respond to equipment malfunction or **inefficiencies** which may result in visible emissions to air. In the event of malfunction leading to abnormal emissions the operator shall:
- a) investigate and undertake remedial action **immediately**;
  - b) adjust the process or activity to minimise those emissions; and
  - c) record the events and actions taken.
- 5.4 Ensure measures are taken to avoid or reduce dust pollution from the Stone Crusher and the road. Dust suppressants i.e. water soaking etc. shall be used during dry season and as necessary.
- 5.5 As far as possible, site and orient stockpiles and storage areas to reduce wind exposure.
- 5.6 Operate and service all mechanical equipment and vehicles in accordance with manufacturer's specifications at all times to minimise atmospheric emissions.

**6.0 NOISE MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 6.2 Comply with the *Guidelines for Noise Emissions into the Environment* for *Guidelines for Noise Emissions into the Environment*, not exceeding the limits below at a distance of 15 m (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

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| Commercial Limits | <b>80dB</b> (Day-time (06:00-18:00 h))     |
|                   | <b>65 dB</b> (Night -time (18:00-06:00 h)) |

- 6.3 As far as practicable equip all sound-making devices, e.g. generators, planers, etc. with silencers or mufflers to reduce noise level and/or enclose all sound making devices in structures constructed with materials of good insulation properties (e.g. hollow concrete blocks, insulation boards, solid clay bricks, etc.)
- 6.4 Ensure that all equipment and machinery are placed on foundations properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations.



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**7.0 FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE**

- 7.1 Fuel shall at all times be stored above-ground, in a cool, dry place and away from ignition sources. 'No Smoking' signs shall be posted where fuel is handled or stored.
- 7.2 Construct and 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 Ensure that adequate signage is installed in fuel storage areas, such as 'No Smoking', 'Flammable Materials', etc.
- 7.6 Protection measures for fuel storage tanks such as painting and coating shall be maintained to minimize corrosion of fuel tanks.
- 7.7 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 by **Condition 4.2**.
- 7.8 Secondary containment, drip trays or other overflow and drip containment measures shall be installed and maintained at connection points or other possible overflow points.
- 7.9 Leak detection 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.

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**8.0 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 8.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000**, and the stipulations within the **Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Act, No. 13 of 2000**, the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Regulations, No. 8 of 2004, the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals (Amendment) Regulations, No. 8 of 2007.
- 8.2 All hazardous waste shall be stored in a covered, bunded area. This area shall include the following:
- (a) Signage- "Hazardous Waste Storage Area";
  - (b) Low traffic;
  - (c) No floor drains; and
  - (d) Secondary containment capable of containing 110% of the largest volume therein.
- 8.3 The Hazardous Material Storage areas shall be clearly labelled, secured and well illuminated when not in use. The following warning signs shall be clearly posted:
- (a) Danger- Chemical Storage Area "Authorized Personnel Only";
  - (b) Read and Follow all label directions;
  - (c) No Smoking; and
  - (d) No Eating or Drinking.
- 8.4 Establish and maintain a register of hazardous materials or chemicals used or generated by the operation. Submit to the Agency, twice yearly (June and December), a report on hazardous waste generation and management for the previous six months using the most recent version of the EPA's Recording and Reporting Form of Hazardous Waste and including:
- The name, location and type of facility;
  - Types and quantities (in metric units) of hazardous waste generated;
  - Manner of storage, use, any applied treatment standards/methods and disposal of these substances;
  - Data concerning off-site shipments of waste, i.e. local disposal facility utilized, country to which hazardous waste is shipped, purpose of shipment and amount of waste shipped;
  - A summary of any accidents that may have occurred and any action taken;
  - Any waste minimization efforts undertaken by your facility for hazardous material/waste; and
  - Any other matter the Agency may require.

The Agency considers all materials listed in Schedule I and II of the Environmental Protection (Hazardous Wastes Management) Regulations, 2000, to be hazardous. (Please see attached list.)

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- 8.5 (a) Collect and store waste oils, used batteries, used tires and any other hazardous waste on site until ready for disposal in a manner approved by the EPA.
- (b) Refrain from draining fuel/lubricants, including waste oils of any quantity from equipment on to the ground and waterways.
- 8.6 Contain all chemicals securely and conform to the safety conditions as outlined in the Material Safety Data Sheet for each chemical. Keep all chemicals in well-sealed and individually labelled containers and properly store in an impervious and well-ventilated room/bond.
- 8.7 Safety Data Sheets for all hazardous materials shall be readily available and easily accessible at all times at the Facility.
- 8.8 Take the necessary precautionary measures during the transport, transfer, use and handling of all hazardous material.
- 8.9 Implement a programme to ensure regular and preventative maintenance of machinery and equipment to prevent leaks and minimize air emissions and hydrocarbon releases.
- 8.10 Maintain emergency spill clean-up kits on site for response to spills.
- 8.11 A fully stocked first-aid kit shall be readily available at the hazardous storage Facility.
- 8.12 Material storage containers shall be inspected weekly for signs of leakage or corrosion and damaged containers must be replaced immediately. Inspection Reports must be maintained and signed by the appropriately qualified inspecting officer and his/her supervisor.
- 8.13 Store all lubricants, coolant, acid-generating materials, waste oil and any material contaminated with hydrocarbons such as used filters and oily rags in an approved manner, such as in drums or surface tanks with impervious bunds to contain spillage. Ensure that the areas assigned for storage of the aforementioned materials are located away from operating areas, drainage lines and major waterways.

**9.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 10.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013.**



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- 10.2 Promote proper solid waste management and disposal practices at your facility at all times. Waste shall not be disposed of in or near to the Corentyne River or any other waterways.
- 10.3 Maintain good house-keeping, sanitary and hygienic practices and the aesthetic quality of the surroundings at all times.
- 10.4 Ensure that garbage receptacles are placed in strategic locations. Have separate bins to facilitate the collection and sorting of waste according to liquid and solids; organic and inorganic; degradable and non-degradable.
- 10.5 Maintain a septic tank system onsite. Septic Tanks at all times shall be accessible for cleaning and de-sludging. Septic tanks should be installed with a sand and charcoal filter bed, or other appropriate design for further treatment. This must be in accordance with *Guyana National Bureau of Standards Code of Practice for the Design and Construction of Septic Tanks and Associated Secondary Treatment and Disposal Systems*.
- 10.6 Any modification to the Septic Tank (s) 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*.
- 10.7 Dumping of waste (Domestic and Construction) into the Corentyne River is **prohibited**. Waste should not be stored in close proximity to the afore-mentioned river, this inclusive of waste oil and/or fuel.

**10.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING**

- 10.1 Strictly comply with any lawful directions given by the Agency from time-to-time in furtherance of the implementation of any international or other obligation for the environmental protection of Guyana.
- 10.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Environmental Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 10.3 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with this Environmental Permit.
  - i. Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of this Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, with the anticipated manner in which it may endanger human health or the environment may be impacted.

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- 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.
- 10.4 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, each year**.
- 10.5 Notify the EPA within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g., oil spills, hazardous materials/wastes spill, sudden onset disaster, natural, technological or human-induced factors that cause or threaten to cause severe environmental damage as well as harm to human health or livelihood).
- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 Notify the Agency within **twenty-one (21) days** in event of death, bankruptcy, liquidation or receivership of the Permit Holder or if the Company becomes a party to an amalgamation.
- 10.8 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.

**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

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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 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 6.3 and 6.4 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 wilful 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, the **Environmental Protection**

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**(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 is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions shall be obtained from other regulatory bodies before commencing construction activities.**
- 11.14 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein, **July 2022 to May 2027.**
- 11.15 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **May 31, 2027**, unless otherwise suspended, cancelled, modified or varied, 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.**
- 11.16 This Environmental Permit shall be renewed by submitting “an Application for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six (6) months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **November 30, 2026.**”
- 11.17 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated above, may require the Permit Holder to pay, in addition to renewal fees, 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

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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 6/7/2022

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

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| NAME:        | Vickash P. Baichem for Vishwan P. Baichem   |
| SIGNATURE:   |  |
| DESIGNATION: |   |
| DATE:        | 07/07/2022  |





