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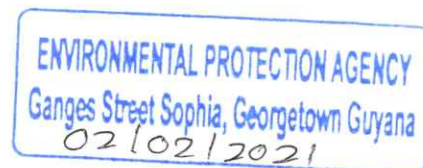


October 30, 2020

Ref#20200210-ICEPB

Mr. Linden B. Edmondson,  
Proprietor,  
ITCHA-CA ENERGY PARTNER INC (IEP) & BUNKER ONE GOM INC.  
112, Bonasika Street,  
Section 'K', Campbellville,  
Georgetown.

Dear Mr. Edmondson,



**Re: Operation Permit for Bunkering of Fuel**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared an Operation Permit for the operation of Bunkering of fuel located offshore Guyana between 34 and 46 Nautical Miles within Guyana's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Please sign the Operation 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 Operation Permit **at this time** is **US\$6000 for three (3) years**. You are **required to pay this fee or its equivalent in Guyana dollars, using the Citizens Bank (Guyana) Inc. daily exchange rate**. Payment can be made to the Environmental Protection Agency by cash, Manager's or Personal Cheque in Guyana dollars. Please note that Personal Cheque written in United States dollars will NOT be accepted.

Should you have any questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to make contact with **Ms. Sonia Gumbs-Luke, Senior Environmental Officer**, Head, Gas Station Unit on telephone number 225-5467-9 (ext 2340) or email [sgumbs-luke@epaguyana.org](mailto:sgumbs-luke@epaguyana.org)

Yours Sincerely,

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**Ms. Sharifah Razack**  
**Executive Director (a.g)**

Attach: Operation Permit

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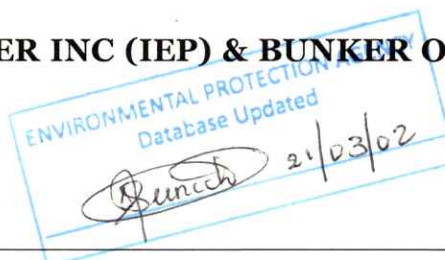
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## Operation Permit

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.

Reference No.:	20200210-ICEPB
Fees :	Large (C2) - US\$2000 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$2000: One year (October 2020 – September 2021)
Addressee:	Mr. Linden B. Edmondson Proprietor ITHA-CA ENERGY PARTNER INC (IEP) & BUNKER ONE GOM Inc. 112 Bonasika Street, Section 'K', Campbellville, Georgetown. Guyana.
Activity	Bunkering of Fuel



Mr. Linden B. Edmondson trading and operating under the name ITHA-CA ENERGY PARTNER Inc. (IEP) & BUNKER ONE GOM Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap.20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to conduct Bunkering of Fuel located offshore Guyana between 34 and 46 Nautical Miles within Guyana's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on February 10, 2020, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, existing and/or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act, applicable laws, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

**Terms and Conditions for Operation to be adhered to by the Permit Holder, His Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s):**

### 1.0 OPERATION

- 1.1. Notify the Agency in writing and obtain its approval for **ANY** proposed changes to the bunkering operation at least **three (3) days** prior to making the change. The notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation. It is not necessary to make such a notification if an application to vary this Permit has been made and the application contains a description of the proposed

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Permit has been made and the application contains a description of the proposed change. In this condition "changes to the bunkering and transportation operation" means a change in the information submitted in the application. **'Change in operation'** means a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the installation, which may have consequences for the environment, including but not limited to the following:

- i. Any addition of any new vessel to the current fleet that is currently authorised under this permit; and
  - ii. Any technology installed at the facility from which effluent may be discharged.
- 1.2 Obtain approval from the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD) **PRIOR** to entering Guyana's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in accordance with the Maritime Zones Act, Cap. 63:01, Laws of Guyana.
- 1.3 Comply with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Petroleum Exploration and Production Act, 1986, the Petroleum Exploration and Production (Amendment) Act, 1992, the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Act, No. 13 of 2000, the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Regulations, No. 8 of 2004, and the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals (Amendment) Regulations, No.8 of 2007, Laws of Guyana.
- 1.4 Comply with the International Maritime Organisation's regulations /standards for lighting on the bunkering vessels.
- 1.5 Comply with any directions of the Agency where compliance with such directions is necessary for the implementation of any obligations of Guyana under any Treaty or International Law related to Environmental Protection.

## **2.0 BUNKERING ACTIVITIES**

- 2.1 Verify that conditions for bunkering are acceptable prior to the commencement of activities.
- 2.2 Ensure all vessels that carry heavy fuel oil must be of double hull design.
- 2.3 Bunkering activities shall be supervised by the designated Mooring Master, according to the conditions of the sea.
- 2.4 Execute the bunkering activities in accordance with an approved bunkering plan and procedures and/or the equipment manufacturer's operating instructions.
- 2.5 Utilise leak detection devices during bunkering (e.g. for breach of floating hose, instrumentation/procedures to perform volumetric checks, etc.).

- 2.6 Place warning labels and signs across the vessel, especially in the area where bunkering is taking place.
- 2.7 Ensure there is an overflow tank which is connected to the bunker tank and bunker line. The overflow tank must be kept empty to transfer excess fuel from the bunker tanks.
- 2.8 Inspect all hose, valves and pipeline (where accessible) prior to all bunkering activities to reduce the possibility of spillage (i.e. these connections must also be visually inspected before and after the transference of fuel).
- 2.9 Install an emergency shut-off switch on the vessel. The switch should be checked before every operation.
- 2.10 Ensure that only one tank is being filled at any given time to reduce the risk of spillage.
- 2.11 Provide certified Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) training for all employees before being permitted to work on the vessel.
- 2.12 Submit to the Agency, within **three (3) months** of receipt of the Permit, an **Environmental Management Plan** which should include the Bunker Plan outlining oil spill response, responsible personnel, vessel details, fuel grade details, receiving tank designations, capacities, fill order and expected percentage of fill. This should be completed **three (3) weeks** prior to the bunkering of fuel for approval by the Agency.
- 2.13 Place booms around each vessel prior to the transferring of fuel. These booms should be placed approximately twenty meters (20m) from each vessel if the rate of transfer of fuel is greater than 500 gallons per minute.
- 2.14 Ensure pressure gauge and tank levels are monitored and associated valves be operated with low flow rates during changing over tanks
- 2.15 Ensure that oil spill equipment is readily available on both ships during the transfer of fuel. Employees shall be trained to use spill equipment in the event of emergency.
- 2.16 Ensure that 'high level' and 'overflow' alarms are tested by physical activation.
- 2.17 Ensure that first-response equipment are available adjacent to the manifold. This shall include a suitable portable pump and emergency containment.



- 2.18 Ensure that hydraulic pressure, as well as any back-up hand operated equipment, is available for hydraulic operated valves.
- 2.19 Ensure that the bunker supplier has sufficient and appropriate drip containment and spill response equipment on board the bunker barge and/or at the location of the bunkering operations which shall be readily available for deployment.
- 2.20 During Bunkering Operations, the Officer in Charge (OIC) and Bunker Supervisor shall ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent the spillage of fuel into the waters.
- 2.21 At no time, there should be welding and fabrication works conducting on the vessel when fuel is stored. A dry dock facility shall be used in the event of remedial works conducted on the vessel.
- 2.22 Maintain at least **two (2)** of the following means of communication between the bunker vessel and the supplier:
1. Handheld radios;
  2. Staff at manifolds;
  3. Spill response alarm.

### **3.0 EMPLOYEES**

- 3.1 Operate in accordance with Guyana's Occupational **Safety and Health Act, No. 32 of 1997.**
- 3.2 Provide employees with the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) to fit their job specification. PPE must be worn in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations indicated on the label of the product or as stated in the Material Safety Data Sheet for the product.
- 3.3 All personnel (crew members) involved in any bunkering operation must be trained, skilled and competent in their role and have certificates as evidence of same. The competent person must ensure that all members of the Bunkering Team have the relevant qualifications and certification.
- 3.4 Ensure sufficient numbers in manpower resources to carry out the bunkering activities comfortably and without putting undue pressure on any member of the Bunkering Team. In the event that there may be a trainee within the team, the competent person must ensure that they are under constant supervision and not allowed to undertake unfamiliar tasks on their own.

- 3.5 All personnel (crew members) assigned to bunkering operation shall not have any other duties during the operation.
- 3.6 Ensure the Bunkering Safety Checklist is completed and sign by the officer responsible before the bunkering operation commence.

#### **4.0 WATER QUALITY**

- 4.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 4.2 Discharge ballast water in accordance with established International Maritime Organisation's Guidelines and Legal Requirements, including but not limited to, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) and the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water Sediments (2004).
- 4.3 Treat bilge water in accordance with MARPOL 73/78 requirements and not exceed an oil in water content of <15 ppm.
- 4.4 Wastewater that is released from the onboard Sewage and Wastewater Treatment Facility must meet the aquatic discharge standards in accordance with MARPOL 73/78 regulations.

#### **5.0 NOISE AND AIR QUALITY MANAGMENT**

- 5.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000** and the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000.**
- 5.2 In accordance with MARPOL Annex VI, ozone-depleting substances (ODS) shall not be discharged.

#### **6.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 6.2 Manage and dispose of all wastes in accordance with the vessel's **Garbage Management Plan** submitted as part of the **Environmental Management Plan** and, inform and obtain approval from the EPA of any changes in the disposal methods prior to disposal.



- 6.3 Handle, store, and dispose sewage and spillage in accordance with Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 Regulations, for the Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships.
- 6.4 Do not discharge diesel oil, or halogenated phenol compounds, into the marine environment.
- 6.5 Implement bunkering and transfer procedures to cater for retrieval of any waste accidentally released overboard.
- 6.6 Manage and dispose putrescible waste in accordance with MARPOL Annex V-73/78 Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships.
- 6.7 Record any accidental release of waste to the marine environment and corrective actions implemented, and submit a copy of the report to the EPA within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the incident.

#### **7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

- 7.1 **Immediately** notify the EPA of any accidental release of contaminants or incidence of pollution to the environment.
- 7.2 Adhere to the Vessel's Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP), as required under MARPOL 73/78 Annex I, Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil.
- 7.3 Adhere to cooperative measures with Government Agencies, as it relates to oil spill response as applicable and relevant notification process and procedures.
- 7.4 Condition 7.3, is not to be interpreted as meaning that the Permit Holder will not be liable to fulfil its obligations under any other oil spill response plans, whether existing or forthcoming.
- 7.5 Maintain emergency spill response equipment on the vessel for response to potential spills.
- 7.6 Provide adequate fire protection measures. All firefighting equipment such as fire extinguishers and sand buckets shall be serviced regularly and placed at conspicuous locations onsite, in accordance with guidelines established by the Guyana Fire Service.

- 7.7 Maintain a supply of oil-absorbent materials, such as absorbent pads, sand, etc., on the vessel for the cleaning up of spills.
- 7.8 Submit to the Agency within **three (3) months** of receipt of the Permit, an **Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)** for approval as part of the EMP. This EPP must be communicated to staff and contractor of the facility and shall include:
- i. Accident Prevention Procedures;
  - ii. First Person Response;
  - iii. Notification Procedures;
  - iv. Location of clean-up equipment;
  - v. An analysis of potential accidents and response; and
  - vi. Materials safety data sheet for all materials which could be spilled.
- 7.9 Ensure that appropriate clean-up equipment such as spill trays, oil spill clean-up recover pump, oil spill dispersant spray system or sorbent pads are readily accessible to respond to any spills that may occur onsite.
- 7.10 Ensure connecting bunker hoses are not connected over the water ways.
- 7.11 Ensure that bunker hoses are of sufficient length, in good condition and properly rigged to allow for ship movement.
- 7.12 Install "**No Smoking/No Naked Flame**" signs around the vessel.
- 7.13 Ensure that there are sufficient personnel on board and ashore to deal with any emergency.

## **8.0 FUEL, WASTE OIL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE/MATERIAL MANAGEMENT**

- 8.1 Comply with the provisions of the Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000.
- 8.2 Prepare and submit to the Agency no later than **forty-five (45)** days after the end of the operating year, a report relating to the activities for the previous year (please see attached form). The report shall include:
- a) the name, location and type of facility;
  - b) types and quantities (in metric units) of hazardous waste generated;
  - c) manner of storage, use, any applied treatment standards/methods and disposal of these substances;



- d) data concerning off-site shipments of waste, i.e. local disposal facility utilised, country to which hazardous waste is shipped, purpose of shipment and amount of waste shipped;
  - e) a summary of any accidents that may have occurred and any action taken;
  - f) any waste minimisation efforts undertaken by your facility for hazardous material/waste; and
  - g) Any other matter the Agency may require.
- 8.3 Establish and maintain a register of hazardous materials or chemicals used or generated by your operation. Submit to the Agency twice yearly (June and December) a report relating to the activity of the previous six (6) months.
- 8.4 Ensure that oil/fuel contaminated absorbent materials are appropriately stored and disposed of by double wrapping in heavy duty garbage bags in keeping with the vessel's Garbage Management Plan. All contaminated absorbent materials must be disposed of at an authorized Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.

## **9.0 SPILL CONTAINMENT**

- 9.1 Any changes to the Bunkering Plan or bunkering sequence should be agreed in writing by all parties. This should be submitted to the Agency at least **one (1) week** prior to the activity being undertaken.
- 9.2 All scuppers/drains that could be vulnerable in the event of a spill shall be sealed and/or plugged.
- 9.3 Ensure on completion all bunkering operations, the hoses must be fully drained before disconnection takes place.
- 9.4 Ensure on completion of bunkering operation disconnection of hoses are done place a drip pan of appropriate size shall be deployed below any disconnection point that is not banded.
- 9.5 Vessel filling ports shall be blocked immediately if they are no longer required.
- 9.6 Any spilt bunkers or bunkers contained in bunds or drip pans shall be mopped up and all contaminated material shall be disposed of through the appropriate segregated waste management system.

## **10.0 RESTRICTIONS**

- 10.1 Bunkering Operations involving Bunker Barges shall be suspended if there are any other vessels maneuvering within the vicinity of the Ship and Bunker Barge.
- 10.2 Bunkering Operations conducted whilst cargo operations are taking place on board the Ship should be avoided wherever possible.

10.3 Bunkering Operations shall not be undertaken between sunset and sunrise within the hours of 18:00h to 6:00h.

#### **11.0 LIABILITIES FOR POLLUTION DAMAGE**

11.1 The Permit Holder shall have insurance of such type and in such amount as is customary in the international petroleum industry in accordance with best practices for bunkering and transporting of crude oil in progress offshore Guyana in respect of:

- Loss or damage to all assets used in Project;
- Pollution caused in the course of the Project for which the Permit Holder will be, jointly and severally, held responsible;
- Loss or damage to property or bodily injury suffered by any third party in the course of the Project for which the Permit Holder is liable to, according to the terms of the policy;
- Permit Holder's liability to its employees engaged in the Project; and
- Any other requirement made by the EPA under this Environmental Authorization.

11.2 Condition 11.1 shall not be interpreted to mean that the Permit Holder, its Parent Company, Servants and/or Agents will not be liable to any other existing or forthcoming applicable laws, rules and regulations related to insurance for Petroleum Operations within or out the jurisdiction of Guyana.

11.3 **The EPA shall reserve the right to request and review the environmental liability insurance policy.** Such review is subject to the following:

- Provision of documentary evidence that the insurer is authorised to provide the insurance in the jurisdiction and to provide evidence of the insurer's financial strength;
- Provision of details of the amount of cover and the cost profile, evidence of authorisation of the institution or parent (insurer's) to provide insurance, as well as, evidence of any supplementary cover required to cover gaps in the primary cover, inclusive of details relevant to the excess level which is the responsibility of the policyholder to cover;



- Agreement to provide notification to the EPA of modification, cancellation, expiration, intent to renew, renewal or non-renewal and expiry dates of the policy;
- Provide reports on whether the insurance policy is maintained or renewed so that the EPA can determine if it is acceptable or if it requires a replacement policy; and
- Provide the final insurance policy or certificate of insurance, evidence of financial strength and payment of premium.

11.4 The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall be strictly liable for the adverse effect of any discharge or release, or for causing or permitting the entry of any pollutant, or contaminant in any amount, concentration or level in excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by this environmental authorisation or as are attributed to any crude lifting and transporting activities in accordance with section 19(1) and (2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

11.5 The Permit Holder shall compensate any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed project. (s.19 (3) (e) of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana).'

11.6 The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall be strictly liable to penalties prescribed for causing material or serious environmental harm by polluting the environment intentionally or recklessly with the knowledge that such material or serious environmental harm will or might result. This is in accordance with and measurable by the provisions of s. 39 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

11.7 The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall be liable jointly and/or severally for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct in carrying out activities which result in adverse effects on to the marine environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants from fuel storage on the vessel authorised by this environmental authorisation.

11.8 The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall be liable jointly and/or severally for environmental damage due to pollution from its activities within Guyana, its territorial waters, contiguous zones, continental margins continental shelf, and Exclusive Economic Zone, inclusive of damage to the marine environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release or discharge, spill, or contamination which is attributable to the Permit Holder and his agents or contractors. This is in accordance with Section 49 (1) of the Maritime Zones Act, Cap. 63:01, Laws of Guyana, and is subject to any other existing or forthcoming laws, regulations and standards governing the protection of the marine environment.



- 11.9 The Permit Holder shall indemnify the EPA for any loss, damage, pollution, spill and contamination to the environment and/or any other lifting liabilities during the activity.
- 11.10 Where it appears to the 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 EPA shall issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice ordering him to immediately cease the offending activity in accordance with section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 11.11 Should the Permit Holder contravene or if he is likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the EPA may serve him an Enforcement Notice, in accordance with section 26 of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 11.12 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees.
- 11.13 Ensure all employees are trained in good environmental management practices and of their obligations under the permit.
- 11.14 Notify the Agency of any non-compliance(s) with this permit upon becoming aware of violation.
- 11.15 Submit annual reports to the EPA on the progress of the operation and compliance with the conditions under which this permit was granted on or before March 31 of each year.
- 11.16 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.
- 11.17 Compensate any affected party for any loss or damage to the environment that arises from the implementation of this project.
- 11.18 Provide adequate fire protection measures in accordance with the requirements for the Guyana Fire Service.
- 11.19 Notify in writing of any changes of name or ownership of the Permit Holder's facility within thirty (30) days after the change has occurred.
- 11.20 Notify the Agency **three (3)** days prior to the commencement of Bunkering Operations the EPA must be notified and provided with the following information:
  - I. Name of Bunker Barge or (in the case of road tankers or shore facilities) details of Bunker Supplier



- II. Name of Ship
- III. Location of Bunkering Operations
- IV. Mode of transfer (Bunker Barge or shore facility)
- V. Details of Bunkers to be transferred and estimated quantity
- VI. Proposed commencement time of Bunkering Operations
- VII. Estimated completion time of Bunkering Operations

11.21 The EPA must be notified after the completion of the bunkering activity.

11.22 In the event of an incidental, in addition to any other requirements, a report must be made immediately to the EPA and must include but not limited to:

- I. The location of the spill
- II. Details of the vessels involved
- III. The type and quantity of Bunkers spilt
- IV. Actions taken so far, and by whom, to contain and recover the spill.

## **12.0 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

12.1 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.

12.2 The EPA reserves the right to review and or 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 structures as determined by the Agency for a project of this nature.

12.3 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 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.

12.4 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.

12.5 The Permit Holder shall compensate any party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed project (S. 19(3) (e) Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana).



- 12.6 The Permit Holder shall be responsible for the payment of all costs related to the assessment of damage and costs for the independent assessor (s).
- 12.7 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's lack of due care and diligence.
- 12.8 The Permit Holder shall be liable of any gross negligence or willful misconduct caused by the Permit Holder, his servants and agents, to the environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants from the Bunkering Operation.
- 12.9 Should the Permit Holder contravene or is likely to contravene any condition of this permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve him an enforcement notice in accordance with s. 26 of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 12.10 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 EPA shall issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice ordering him to immediately cease the offending activity, in accordance with s. 27 of the Environmental Protection Act Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 12.11 The Permit Holder is obligated to ensure that the Bunkering Operation is permitted by other relevant authorities.
- 12.12 This **Operation Permit** is effective for the period stipulated herein (**October 2020 to September 2021**).
- 12.13 This **Operation Permit** shall remain valid until **September 30, 2021**, unless otherwise cancelled, suspended, 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.
- 12.14 This permit must be renewed by submitting a completed Application Form for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six months before this permit expires, that is, no later than **March 31, 2021**.
- 12.15 The Permit Holder shall provide to the Agency yearly, updated contact information and updated documentations for the Bunkering Operation.
- 12.16 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated above, shall require the Permit Holder to pay, in addition to the renewal fee, a



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late penalty fee (accruing at the time such obligation was first owed for renewal) at a rate of **two thousand dollars (GY\$2,000.00) per day** for every day late, until such renewal application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.

- 12.17 Failure to comply with the requirements of this permit shall render the Permit Holder liable to prosecution and to penalties prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, and the Environmental Regulations including civil penalties and injunctive relief.

Signed by  
Agency.


  
**Ms. Sharifah Razack**  
**Executive Director (a.g)**

on behalf of the Environmental Protection

Date

2020.10.29

I hereby accept the above Terms and Conditions upon which this Operation Permit (Renewed) is granted and agree to abide by the Environmental Protection Act, Cap, 20;05, Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, and any existing or forthcoming regulations, standards and best practices made under this Act.

NAME	LINDEW B. EDMONDSON
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No. 18873

Received From: Itha-ca Energy Partner Inc & Bunker One GOM Inc

The Sum of: Four Hundred & Thirty Three Thousand Dollars — \$ 433,000.00

For: Operation Permit - Bunkering of Fuel - (October, 2020 - September, 2021).

PAID

Cash Cheques

Balance due



Amt. \$ —

Signature