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Environmental Permit (Renewed)

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.:	20190811-JAFDD
Fees:	C2 Large i.e., US\$ 2000 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$10,000 - Five (5) Years (November 2022 to October 2027)
Addressee:	Javed Ali & Shiraz Ali Proprietors SHI-OIL Lots 13-17 Parika Outfall East Bank Essequibo
Activity:	Operation of a Fuel Storage Facility

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Javed Ali & Shiraz Ali, hereinafter referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised by the Environmental Protection Agency, herein referred to as the "Agency", 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 Fuel Storage Facility at lots 13-17 Parika Outfall, East Bank Essequibo, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", in a manner indicated in the Application Form for Renewal of an Environmental Authorisation submitted on August 04, 2020, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, existing and/or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act, and/or any other applicable laws, guidelines, best practices, approvals, directives and standards relevant to this project.

Environmental Permit (Renewed), Reference Number 20190811-JAFDD, which was issued on June 15, 2020, and expired on February 28, 2021, is hereby renewed in accordance with the Application Form for Renewal of an Environmental Authorisation submitted on August 04, 2020.

The Permit Holder, his Servants, Agents and/or Sub-Contractor(s) shall comply with the following Terms and Conditions for Operation:

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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 The project shall be secured and all practicable steps necessary to prevent fires, explosions, leaks or suspected leaks and spills shall be taken.
- 1.3 Establish and maintain a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for fuel transfer which shall include a checklist of measures to follow during filling operations. A copy of this SOP shall be submitted to the Agency for approval **on or before March 31, 2023**.
 - 1.3.1 All employees shall be trained on the SOP and an annual training schedule shall be maintained and submitted to the Agency upon request.
- 1.4 Develop and submit to the Agency for approval **on or before March 31, 2023**, the following Plans:
 - i. Fire Response Plan, and
 - ii. Corrosion Monitoring and Management Plan
- 1.5 Adopt and comply with the National Standard "*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 facilities.
- 1.6 Adhere to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws, of Guyana.

2.0 FUEL HANDLING AND STORAGE

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Obtain and maintain Guyana Fire Service approval and submit a copy of the approval for the Agency's records on or before **by January 31, 2023**.
 - 2.2.1 All fire extinguishers shall be serviced **by December 31, 2022**. Servicing

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must be conducted on an annual basis.

- 2.2.2 Fire prevention and control equipment shall be maintained in accordance with this Guyana Fire Service Approval.
- 2.3 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 of any contained liquid when full. A summarised inspection report shall be submitted to the Agency upon request.
- 2.4 Solid cast the base of the containment area of the fuel storage tank and submit pictorial evidence to the Agency **by December 31, 2022**.
- 2.5 Equip the facility with an emergency spill kit. Submit pictorial evidence of same to the Agency **by December 31, 2022**.
- 2.6 Emergency spill clean-up kit shall be maintained at the fuel storage area for response to potential spills. Kit shall contain absorbent materials, drain seals and other appropriate tools for response and clean-up.
- 2.7 Containment bunds shall remain sealed and all piping shall enter or exit the bund over the wall. Bunds shall provide total containment, and no part of the tank infrastructure (e.g., dispenser, filling hoses and valves) shall protrude outside the bund.
- 2.8 Fuel storage tanks shall be visually inspected to verify their integrity and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. A summarised inspection report shall be compiled and submitted to the Agency upon request.
- 2.9 Protection measures such as painting and coating shall be maintained to minimise corrosion of the fuel tanks and pipelines.
- 2.10 Routinely monitor above-ground storage tanks to ensure they are not leaking. Areas to inspect include tank foundation, connections, coatings, tank walls and piping systems.
- 2.11 Maintain loading and discharge pumps, piping, filters and separation units, and submit a Maintenance Schedule to the Agency upon request.
- 2.12 An electronic shut down system shall be maintained as a primary leak detection mechanism for the tanks, along with any one or more of the following leak detection mechanisms:
- i. Overflow alarms on tanks;
 - ii. Gauging systems;
 - iii. Dipstick measurements; and
 - iv. Sensors on walls of tanks.
- 2.13 The operation shall employ at **least two (2)** of the following leak detection methods for the pipeline through which the fuel is transported:

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- i. An automatic line-leak detector (pressurized-piping system);
- ii. Groundwater monitoring;
- iii. Periodic piping tightness testing;
- iv. Interstitial testing soil-vapour monitoring; and
- v. Under-pump check valve (suction system).

- 2.14 The safe fill level shall be clearly 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.
- 2.15 Spill safety mechanisms (emergency shut-off system) shall be installed in the event there is an emergency at either end of the transfer line.
- 2.16 The Best Available Technology/ Technique (BAT) shall be maintained to capture fuel lost during the unloading of fuel to storage tanks and refuelling of equipment.
- 2.17 Secondary containment, drip trays or other overflow and drip containment measures shall be maintained at connection points or other possible overflow points.
- 2.18 Schedule training on simulated spill incident and response exercises for response personnel. Spill alert and reporting procedures, deployment of spill control equipment, and the emergency care/treatment of people and animals impacted by the spill.

3.0 PIPELINE SECURITY

- 3.1 Install and maintain closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras throughout the length of the pipeline that provides visual monitoring on a 24 hrs basis.
- 3.2 Appropriate barricades shall be maintained along the pipeline that runs over any waterways.
- 3.3 A casing or secondary containment for the pipeline as it runs above waterways shall be installed and maintained. Submit pictorial evidence of same to the Agency **by February 28, 2023**.
- 3.4 Erect clear signs that state **“Do Not Sit or Stand on the Barricade and Pipeline”** along the pipeline.
- 3.5 Signs shall be placed and maintained along each section of the pipeline that is located aboveground.
- 3.6 The following shall be written legibly on a background of sharply contrasting colour on each line marker/sign:
- i. The word **“Warning,” “Caution,” or “Danger”** followed by the words **“Fuel (or name of fuel transported) Pipeline”**; and

- ii. The names of person(s) the telephone number (including area code) where the operator can be reached at all times.

4.0 PIPELINE TRANSFER OF FUEL

4.1 A risk-based pipeline Integrity Management Plan shall be developed and submitted to the Agency for review and approval **on or before March 31, 2022**. The Integrity Management Plan shall contain, but not be restricted to the following:

- i. Methods for inspecting and testing pipeline integrity;
- ii. The process for continued integrity assessment;
- iii. Repair criteria; and
- iv. Timelines for integrity actions.

4.2 Pipelines shall not be located under buildings to ensure access for easy maintenance.

4.3 Maintenance and/or repair of fittings, pipes and hoses shall be conducted in accordance to manufacturer's specifications.

4.4 A leak survey shall be performed once every **three (3) months** and a consolidated summary of the surveys submitted as part of the Annual Report.

4.5 Perform an evaluation of the cathodic protection system and corrosion threat for the covered segment of the pipeline on an annual basis, and submit the evaluation report to the Agency as a component of the Annual Report. The evaluation shall include but not be limited to:

- i. An electrical survey (i.e., indirect examination tool/method);
- ii. Leak repair and inspection records;
- iii. Corrosion monitoring records; and
- iv. Exposed pipe inspection records.

4.5.1 Obtain and review fuel analysis data each calendar year for corrosive agents from pipelines.

4.6 Inspect and test pressure limiting equipment to determine that it is in safe operating condition and has adequate capacity.

4.6.1 Pressure testing of the pipeline shall be done at least once every **six (6) months** and the Pressure Testing Certificate submitted to the Agency within **seven (7) calendar days** of receipt.

4.7 Pressure sensors shall be installed at the beginning and end of the pipeline and the pressure of the system shall be recorded before and after every transfer.

4.8 Respond to, investigate, and correct the cause of:

- i. A gas odour;
- ii. Unintended closure of valves or shutdowns;

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- iii. Increase or decrease in pressure or flow rate outside normal operating limits;
- iv. Loss of communications;
- v. Operation of any safety device; and
- vi. Any foreseeable malfunction of a component, deviation from normal operation, or personnel error, which may result in a hazard to persons or the environment.

- 4.9 A patrol program shall be established to observe surface conditions on and adjacent to the transmission line right-of-way for indications of leaks, construction activity, and other factors affecting safety and operation.
- 4.10 Pipelines shall be inspected for leaks once every thirty (30) minutes when transfer of fuel occurs.

5.0 MOORING AND BERTHING FACILITY

- 5.1 Mooring and berthing activities shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of the International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT).
- 5.2 Access to the sea dam and reserve shall be kept clear and maintained in accordance with the Sea Defence Laws of Guyana.
- 5.3 All construction and operation works shall be conducted in accordance with the Sea Defence and Drainage and Irrigation Laws of Guyana.
- 5.4 Conduct periodic maintenance of the wharf; painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs shall be done out without causing physical disruption to the watercourse.
- 5.5 Take necessary precautions to avoid erosion, siltation and sedimentation of the Essequibo River during construction.
- 5.6 Maintain a vegetated buffer zone along the edge of the Essequibo River in order to provide bank stability.
- 5.7 Vessels shall be moored in depths that allow them to remain afloat but prevent propellers from disturbing bottom sediments.
- 5.8 Protect susceptible sloped surfaces suitable revetment and appropriate cover to ensure stability of slopes and avoid erosion.

6.0 WATER QUALITY

- 6.1 **Strictly** adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water**

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- 6.2 Maintain the integrity of the existing waterways at all times. Discharges into the environment shall be in accordance with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) *Guidelines for Industrial Effluent Discharge into the Environment*. The following are the allowable limits for this type of project and shall not exceed:
- i. Total Suspended Solid (TSS) < 100 mg/L;
 - ii. Oil and Grease < 10 mg/L; and
 - iii. Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) < 40 mg/L.

A water quality monitoring plan shall be submitted to the Agency for approval. Monitoring shall be conducted in accordance to the approved plan and the results shall be submitted to the Agency as part of the Annual Report.

- 6.3 Conduct water quality tests on samples taken from the groundwater monitoring wells located within the containment area of the above-ground fuel storage tank. Test the parameters listed in condition 6.2 and submit the results as a component of the Annual Report.
- 6.4 Discharge of fuel from ships/vessels to the fuel storage tanks shall be conducted under strict guidance and the shut-off mechanism shall be activated in the event of a spill.
- 6.5 Avoid soil and water contamination from fuel, grease, waste oils and other petroleum products. Store all oils, fuel, paints and chemicals in a designated area away from watercourses.
- 6.6 Adequately store, cover and protect raw materials and waste, especially in rainy conditions to avoid runoff into the Essequibo River.

7.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000** and the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 7.2 Handle and store liquid fuel in such a manner so as to prevent the emission of offensive odours.
- 7.3 Comply with the Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) *Guidelines for Noise Emissions into the Environment*. Sound levels from noise-making devices shall not exceed the limits below, at a distance of 15 metres (50ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

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)

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Records of each monitoring exercise shall be maintained and results submitted to the Agency as a component of the Project's **Annual Report**.

- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 All generators and machines/equipment shall be serviced in accordance with manufacturers' specifications to ensure efficiency and reduce the level of noise produced. A summarised maintenance report shall be submitted as a component of the Annual Report.
- 7.6 Exhaust stacks shall be at least **two (2) meters above** the tallest nearby building to minimise adverse fumes/soot impacts to the contiguous areas.
- 7.7 In the event of equipment malfunction or inefficiencies which may result in visible emissions to air or, in the event of malfunctions leading to abnormal emissions, the operator shall:
 - i. investigate and undertake remedial action immediately;
 - ii. adjust the process or activity to minimize those emissions; and
 - iii. Record the events and actions taken. This shall be submitted in the Annual Report.

8.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 In accordance with the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013**, promote good sanitation and solid waste disposal practices on site. Covered garbage receptacles shall be placed at strategic locations at the facility, and waste shall be collected and disposed at an approved waste disposal facility.
- 8.2 Burning of garbage is **strictly prohibited**.
- 8.3 Solid waste receptacles shall be covered at all times.

9.0 HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 9.1 Strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulation 2000**.
- 9.2 Waste oils recovered from the servicing of generators shall be stored in a covered bunded area to minimize adverse impacts to the environment in the event of a spillage.
 - 9.2.1 The bunded area shall be clearly labelled and have the capacity to provide 110% containment of the total volume of waste oils stored.

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- 9.3 Appropriate clean-up equipment such as spill trays, oil spill clean-up recover pump, oil spill dispersant spray system or sorbent pads shall be readily accessible to respond to any spills that may occur onsite.
- 9.4 Oil/fuel contaminated absorbent materials shall be appropriately stored and disposed by double wrapping in heavy duty garbage bags. All contaminated absorbent materials shall be treated at an authorized Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility prior the disposal at and Agency approved location.
- 9.5 Fuel/lubricants including waste oils shall not be drained from equipment onto the ground or into waterways.
- 9.6 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; and
 - iv. Secondary containment capable of containing 110% of the largest volume therein.
- 9.7 All hazardous waste treatment and disposal shall be documented on a Waste Manifest Form which shall submitted to the Agency as a component of the Annual Report.

10.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 10.1 Notify the Environmental Protection Agency within one (1) hour of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g., oil spills, hazardous materials/wastes spills, 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 All near misses, spills and unwanted/accidental discharges, amounting to less than imperial five (5) gallons, must be recorded and reported to the Agency as a component of the Annual Report as required in Condition 10.9.
- 10.3 Discharges of contaminants amounting to five (5) imperial gallons or more must be reported to the Agency by submitting an “Incident Notification Form for Spills in Onshore Operations” using the most recent template provided by the Agency, within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident. A follow-up incident notification form shall be submitted within seventy-two (72) hours of the submission of the initial notification form (a total of five days after the discharge of contaminants).
- 10.4 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 10.5 Notify the Agency in writing of any change of name or ownership of the Permit Holder’s

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facility within **thirty (30) days** after the change occurs.

- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 Maintain and submit to the Agency records of the type, composition and quantity of contaminant released (i.e., any solid, liquid, gas, odour, sound, vibration, radiation, heat or combination of any of them).
- 10.8 Submit a Consolidated Annual Report for the reporting period 2020-2021, on or before December 15, 2022.
- 10.9 An Annual Report shall be submitted to the Agency on your compliance with this permit on or before **March 31, each year**.
- 10.10 Report to the Agency of any non-compliance with the Environmental Permit (Renewed):
 - i. Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance outlining the anticipated manner in which human health or the environment may be impacted.
 - ii. Within **seventy-two (72) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, submit to the Agency a written report containing a description of the non-compliance, its cause, the period of non-compliance including exact dates and time and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance(s) has not been corrected.
- 10.11 Comply with any lawful directives given by the Agency from time-to-time, including directives in furtherance of the implementation of any international or other obligation for the environmental protection of Guyana.

11.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND LIABILITIES

- 11.1 The Permit Holder shall bear the cost of all investigations into pollution incidents, conducted at the insistence of the Agency.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 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.

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- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 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 (Renewed), pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 11.6 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 11.8 and 11.9 of this Environmental Permit (Renewed), pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 11.7 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.
- 11.8 The Permit Holder shall be liable to 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.
- 11.9 Should the Permit Holder contravene or be likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency may serve on him an Enforcement Notice in accordance with Section 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 11.10 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 Agency 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.
- 11.11 The Agency reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's construction activities as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05, and the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 11.12 This Permit Holder, His Servants and/or Agents shall at all times, allow entry to the permitted facility to any Officer designated by the Agency for the purposes of conducting inspections or any other legitimate business of the Agency. Pursuant to

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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.

- 11.13 The Agency has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 11.14 **The Environmental Permit (Renewed) is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 11.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein; **November 2022 – October 2027.**
- 11.16 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **October 31, 2027**, unless otherwise suspended or revoked in accordance with the provisions of this Permit or the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 11.17 This Permit shall 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 **April 30, 2022.**
- 11.18 Any late submission of the application required by Condition 11.21, may render the Permit Holder liable to pay, in addition to the application fee, a 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 business day late**, until such application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.
- 11.19 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 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

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I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit (Renewed) 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	ASWELL.B.MOHABIR
DATE	21-11-22
SIGNATURE	A. Mohabir
DESIGNATION	MANAGER



