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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)

<b>Reference No.:</b>	<b>20210531-GSAIH</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Small (C2) - US\$175 per year</b>
<b>Fee paid:</b>	<b>US\$875: Five (5) years (May 2023 - April 2028)</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Ansari Hussain &amp; Ibnul Arabi Hussain Proprietor Hussain Bros Service Station Lot 10 Block 'Y' of T2 of T Plantation School-Ord West Bank Demerara</b>
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Construction and Operation of a Gas Station</b>

Ansari Hussain & Ibnul Arabi Hussain, trading and operating under the name Hussain Bros Service Station, hereinafter referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hereinafter referred to as the "Agency", 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 construct and operate a Gas Station located at Lot 10 Block 'Y' of T2 of T, Plantation School-Ord, West Bank Demerara, Guyana, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", in a manner indicated in the Application submitted on November 25, 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 applicable laws, guidelines, best practices, and standards relevant to this project.

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

### **1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Permit Holder shall make an application to the Agency to vary this Environmental Permit in instances where it becomes necessary to:

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- 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 The Permit Holder shall obtain and maintain Guyana Fire Service approval and submit a copy of that approval to the Agency within the first quarter of every calendar year.
- 1.3 The Permit Holder shall submit the following documents to the Agency upon commencement of the operation:
  - i. Guyana Energy Agency License;
  - ii. Business Registration; and
  - iii. Guyana National Bureau of Standards.
- 1.4 The Permit Holder shall submit an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) by **September 30, 2023**, to the Agency for approval. This Plan must be communicated to the 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;
  - vi. Materials safety data sheet for all materials which could be spilled; and
  - vii. An Incident Clean-up Plan.
- 1.5 The Permit Holder shall prominently displayed clear sign/s at the Gas Station outlining spill clean-up procedures and emergency contact numbers.
- 1.6 The Permit Holder shall maintain a fence around the site as a safety measure.
- 1.7 The Permit Holder shall strictly adhere to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana.
- 1.8 The Permit Holder shall make all employees, and third parties under your direction, aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and provide training on good environmental practices. Prepare and maintain a training file for employees which shall be submitted to Officers upon request.

- 1.9 The Permit Holder shall utilise the land in accordance with the approved site plan, all specifications of location, pathways, reserve, and boundary lines must be adhered to unless otherwise authorised.
- 1.10 The Permit Holder shall avoid construction works between **18:00h and 06:00h** on any day.
- 1.11 The Permit Holder shall practice the use of caution signs to warn against potential hazards or to caution against unsafe practices.
- 1.12 The Permit Holder shall adhere to the Drainage & Irrigation Laws of Guyana. Cap.64:03.
  - 1.12.1 Construct an adequate drainage system at the facility and ensure that the land is levelled and appropriately built up to avoid floods and contamination of the receiving waters.
- 1.13 The Permit Holder shall identify suitable areas on the site for material stockpiles and equipment during construction.
- 1.14 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all building\construction materials stored in tiers shall be stacked, racked, blocked, interlocked, or otherwise secured to prevent sliding, falling, or collapse.
- 1.15 The gas station shall be appropriately designed for its intended purpose, including, but not limited to, safety, corrosion resistance, and maintenance, ease of access, ease of refilling, and with the least number of environmental impacts possible.
- 1.16 The Permit Holder shall 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 and/or guidelines pertaining to the operation of the Gas Station.
- 1.17 The Permit Holder shall install a sump below the fuel dispensers to capture any spillage that may occur.
- 1.18 The Permit Holder shall ensure that pipe entries under the pump sumps shall be sealed to prevent fuel leakage into ground and surface water.
- 1.19 The Permit Holder shall ensure that pipelines from tanks to offset filling points, dispensing equipment, and vent pipes below the ground surface shall be well constructed and maintained.
  - 1.19.1 Pipelines shall not be located under buildings. Ensure free access to the pipeline system for easy maintenance.

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1.20 The Permit Holder shall ensure that an “**electronic shutdown**” system shall be installed and maintained as a primary emergency response mechanism, along with any one (1) or more of the following leak detection mechanisms:

- i. An overflow alarm on tanks;
- ii. A gauging system;
- iii. Dipstick measurements; or
- iv. Sensors installed on walls of tanks.

**1.21 Refueling, Fuel Delivery, and Canopy**

**1.21.1 Refueling and Fuel Delivery Area**

- i. Fuel deliveries shall be supervised and must be conducted within the forecourt containment area, or in an area with separate bunding;
- ii. Fuel delivery points shall be equipped with a collection trap to collect the spilled fuel and divert it to a ‘slop tank’;
- iii. All inlets to underground storage tanks shall be located within a bunded area to contain any spills resulting from the discharge of fuel from tankers;

**1.21.2 Canopy**

- i. Cover the fuel dispensing area with a roof that has an overhang of at least 10 degrees.
- ii. Uncontaminated rainwater gathered from the canopy and other roofed areas must be reused or directed away from the facility.

1.22 The Permit Holder shall remove all construction tools, equipment, machinery, and waste material(s) from the site on the completion of construction works.

1.23 The Permit Holder shall avoid road traffic hazards or unnecessary inconveniences to the general public through appropriate planning and management of the construction site.

1.24 The Permit Holder shall ensure that portable toilets are well-maintained and emptied regularly by an approved disposal service provider.

## **2.0 OPERATION OF GAS STATION**

- 2.1 The Permit Holder shall store all fuel away from ignition sources and have **“No Smoking”** signs posted where fuel is handled or stored.
- 2.2 The Permit Holder shall switch off all pumps using the automatic pump cut-off in an emergency. Switches shall be readily accessible to the console attendant/s and be clearly marked **“Emergency Shut-off Switch”**.
- 2.3 Emergency spill cleanup kits shall be procured by **the commencement of operation**, for response to potential spills and be readily available, accessible, and maintained at the Project Site. Kits shall contain absorbent materials, drain seals, and other appropriate tools for clean-up of potential spills.
- 2.4 The Permit Holder shall maintenance and/or repair of fittings, pipes, and hoses shall be in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications.

## **3.0 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (USTs)**

- 3.1 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all fuel tanks are equipped with a functional leak and overfill protection system as required in Condition 1.20.
- 3.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all metallic components (such as tanks, piping, and joints) in contact with have corrosion protection. Tanks shall be placed in an inert material first, e.g., sand.
- 3.3 Protective wrapping and/or coats must be continuously applied to buried piping to prevent corrosion, and periodically tested for structural integrity. A compliance report shall be submitted as a component of the Annual Report to be submitted.
- 3.4 The Permit Holder shall submit an Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) Decommissioning Plan to the Agency for approval at least **fourteen (14) days** prior to the closure of USTs.
  - 3.4.1 Temporary or permanent closure of USTs shall be conducted in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan approved by the Agency.

## **4.0 GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

- 4.1 The Permit Holder shall install and conduct maintenance of the **three (3)** groundwater monitoring wells around the storage facility.

- 4.1.1 The monitoring wells shall be installed before storage of fuel in the USTs commences.
- 4.1.2 The groundwater monitoring wells shall be inspected to assess any potential leaks and impacts to groundwater.
- 4.1.3 The Permit Holder shall submit a groundwater monitoring plan which shall include the location and design of wells, for review and approval by the Agency. Submit a copy of the Certificate for the licensed well driller/drilling company responsible for the installation of the groundwater monitoring wells. The plan and Certificate shall be submitted to the Agency by **September 30, 2023**.

## **5.0 WATER AND SOIL QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 The Permit Holder shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulation, 2000**.
- 5.2 The Permit Holder shall 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) *Interim Guidelines for Industrial Effluent Discharge into the Environment*. The following are the allowable limits for this type of project and shall not be exceeded:
  - i. Total Suspended Solid (TSS) < 100 mg/L;
  - ii. Oil and Grease < 20 mg/L; and
  - iii. Total Dissolved Solid (TDS) < 40 mg/L.
- 5.3 Monitoring of the parameters in Condition 5.2 shall be conducted in accordance with the approved monitoring plan and the results submitted to the Agency as part of the Annual Report.
  - i. Samples shall be taken from the oil-water separator and the groundwater monitoring well.
- 5.4 The Permit Holder shall avoid soil and water contamination from fuel, grease, waste oils, and other petroleum products that might be used at the construction site. Store all oils, fuel, paints, and chemicals in a designated area, away from all waterways and drainage channels.
- 5.5 The Permit Holder shall conduct equipment refueling, maintenance, and placement on an impervious base to prevent fuel spills/leaks. Oil spills shall be cleaned up by the best available technology (BAT) to prevent runoff into any watercourse within the project's area of influence.

- 5.6 The Permit Holder shall not discharge wastewater effluents directly into receiving waters/drainage without prior treatment.
- 5.7 The Permit Holder shall install an oil-water separator on the facility which all effluent must pass before the final discharge **by the commencement of operation.**

## **6.0 NOISE ABATEMENT AND AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 The Permit Holder shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations 2000 and the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000.**
- 6.2 The Permit Holder shall handle and store liquid fuel in such a manner to prevent the emission of offensive odors to the air outside the property boundary.
- 6.3 The Permit Holder shall promptly monitor any malfunction or breakdown leading to abnormal emissions. Adjust the process until normal operations can be restored.
- 6.4 The Permit Holder shall 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 meters (50ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

Construction Limits: **90 dB** during the daytime (06:00 h - 18:00 h)  
**75 dB** during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)

Limit the driving of piles to daylight hours, when persons are less likely to be affected by vibration and noise nuisance.

Commercial Limits: **80 dB** during the day-time (06:00 h -18:00 h)  
**75 dB** during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)

- 6.5 All sound-making devices, such as generators, shall be suitably enclosed and constructed with materials of good insulation properties (e.g., hollow concrete blocks, insulation boards, solid clay bricks, etc.) and equipped with silencers or mufflers to reduce the noise level.
- 6.6 Exhaust stacks of the generator(s) shall be at least **two (2) meters** above the generator house or the tallest building nearby, to minimise adverse fumes/soot impacts to the contiguous areas.

- 6.7 Place all equipment on the foundation properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibration.

## **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; covered garbage receptacles shall be placed at strategic locations at the facility. Waste shall be collected and disposed of at an approved waste disposal facility.
- 7.2 The Permit Holder shall maintain a septic tank system on site. The septic tank shall not be located within 1.5 meters of a building or property boundary and shall be accessible for cleaning and de-sludging. Any modification to the septic tank 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 Burning of waste is **strictly prohibited**.
- 7.4 The Permit Holder shall utilise the best practicable means of handling, storing, and disposing of all waste materials at all times.

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

- 8.1 The Permit Holder shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Wastes Management) Regulations 2000**.
- 8.2 Waste oil recovered from the oil-water separators or servicing generators shall be stored in a covered, bunded area to minimize adverse impacts on the environment in the event of a spillage. The bunded area shall be clearly labelled and can provide 110% containment of the total volume of waste oils stored.
- 8.3 The Permit Holder shall store any contaminated fuel in closed leakproof containers and label them "**slop tanks**" or "**waste fuel**".
- 8.4 The Permit Holder shall store all fuel waste above ground level in a bunded area to allow easy maintenance and leak detection.
- 8.5 Oil/fuel-contaminated absorbent materials shall be appropriately stored and disposed of by double wrapping them in heavy-duty garbage bags. All contaminated absorbent materials shall be treated by an Agency approved

Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility prior to disposal at an Agency approved location.

- 8.6 The Permit Holder shall refrain from draining fuel/lubricants including waste oils of any quantity from the equipment onto the ground or into waterways.
- 8.7 The Permit Holder shall regularly inspect all pumps and underground tanks for leak detection.
- 8.8 The Permit Holder shall store all fuel away from ignition sources and have **'No Smoking'** signs posted where fuel is handled or stored.

#### **9.0 COMPLIANCE, MONITORING, AND REPORTING**

- 9.1 The Permit Holder shall 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).
- 9.2 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 9.7.
- 9.3 Discharge 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).
- 9.4 The Permit Holder shall 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.
- 9.5 The Permit Holder shall 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.
- 9.6 The Permit Holder shall maintain and submit to the Agency records of the type, composition and quantity of contaminant released (i.e., any solid, liquid, gas, odor, sound, vibration, heat or combination of any of them).
- 9.7 The Permit Holder shall submit **Annual Reports** to the Agency on your

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compliance with this Permit on or before **March 31**, each year.

9.8 The Permit Holder shall report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with the Environmental Permit:

- I. **Within twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of the Environmental Permit for operation 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.

9.9 The Permit Holder shall 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.

#### **10.0 INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY \LIABILITIES**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 The Permit Holder shall be liable for any activity that causes or is likely to cause pollution of the environment unless all reasonable and practicable measures are taken to prevent or minimize any resulting adverse effect, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 11.3 and 11.4 of this

Environmental Permit, pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.

- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 The Permit Holder shall be liable of any gross negligence or willful misconduct caused by the Permit Holder, his Servants and/or Agents, to the environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat with respect to any release, discharge, or spill, of contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants.
- 10.8 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.
- 10.9 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 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.
- 10.10 The Agency 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 (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 10.11 The Permit Holder, His Servants and/or Agents shall at all times, allow entry to the permitted facility to any Officer designated by the Agency 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.
- 10.12 The Agency has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.


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- 10.13 **This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 10.14 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein **(June 2023 – May 2023)**.
- 10.15 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **May 31, 2028**, 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.
- 10.16 This Permit must be renewed by submitting a completed Application form for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least **six (6) months** before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **December 31, 2027**.
- 10.17 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 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.
- 10.18 Failure to comply with the requirements of this Permit or with applicable laws and regulations, whether existing or forthcoming, shall render the Permit Holder liable to prosecution and to penalties, inclusive of civil penalties, injunctive relief and imprisonment, as prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection Regulations and other applicable laws of Guyana.

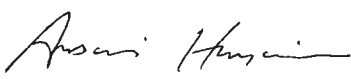
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Signed by  on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.  
**Kemraj Parsram**  
**Executive Director**

Date 2023-06-19

I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit is granted and agree to abide by the Environmental Protection Act, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations, best practices and standards made under this Act.

NAME	ANSARI HUSSAIN
DESIGNATION	OWNER
SIGNATURE	
DATE	2023-08-03



