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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.

<b>Reference No.:</b>	<b>20180322-PSSSM</b>
<b>Fee:</b>	<b>Small (C2) - US\$875 (5 years), i.e., US\$175 per year</b>
<b>Fee paid:</b>	<b>US\$875: Five (5) Years (October 2024 - September 2029)</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Philbert Suchit Proprietor Philbert Suchit Home on the Range Service Station Lot 4 &amp; 5 Planter's Hall Mahaicony East Coast Demerara Region #5</b>
<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Operation of a Service Station</b>

Philbert Suchit, trading and operating under the name Philbert Suchit Home on the Range Service Station Station, hereinafter referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised by the Environmental Protection Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency", per the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to operate a Service Station located at Lot 4 & 5 Planter's Hall, Mahaicony, East Coast Demerara, Region #5, hereinafter referred to as the "Project," in a manner indicated in the Application Form for Renewal of an Environmental Authorisation submitted on February 24, 2021, 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, best practices, guidelines, and standards relevant to this Project.

This is a Renewal of the Operation Permit, Reference No.: 20180322-PSSSM, issued on March 12, 2019, and expired on January 31, 2022. This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is issued pursuant to the Environmental Protection (Authorisation) Regulations, 2000.

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**Terms and Conditions for the operation to be adhered to by the Permit Holders, his servant(s), agent(s), and/or sub-contractor(s):**

**OPERATION**

- 1.1 The Permit Holder shall notify the Agency in writing and obtain its approval for **ANY** proposed changes to the operation at least **twenty-one (21) calendar 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 change. In this condition 'change in operation' means a change in the nature or functioning of the facility, or an extension, or any additional installation, which may have consequences for the environment. Changes to operation may include but not be limited to the following:
  - i. changes in the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility and all associated buildings;
  - ii. changes of equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanisms, systems or technology serving the facility;
  - iii. changes in the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of discharge of effluents; or
  - iv. any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 The Permit Holder shall adopt and comply with the Guyana National Bureau of Standard (GNBS) "*Guidance for the Design, Construction, Modification, and Maintenance of Petrol Filling Stations*" and any forthcoming code of practice/guidelines pertaining to the operation of the Service Stations.
- 1.3 The Permit Holder shall adhere to the requirements of the **Occupational Safety and Health Act, Cap. 99:01, Laws of Guyana.**
- 1.4 The Permit Holder shall maintain caution signs (e.g., turn off engine, turn off cell phones etc.) to warn against potential hazards or to caution against unsafe practices.
- 1.5 The Permit Holder shall adhere to the **Drainage & Irrigation, Cap. 64:03, Laws of Guyana.**
- 1.6 The Permit Holder shall maintain a sump below each fuel dispenser to capture any spillage that may occur.
- 1.7 The Permit Holder shall ensure that pipe entries under the pump sumps remain sealed to prevent fuel leaks.

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- 1.8 The Permit Holder shall ensure pipelines from tanks to offset filling points, dispensing equipment and vent pipes located below the ground surface shall not be located under buildings and shall be accessible for easy maintenance.
- 1.9 The Permit Holder shall ensure that maintenance and/or repair of fittings, pipes and hoses is in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. A summarised inspection report shall be kept and submitted to the Agency upon request.
- 1.10 The Permit Holder shall make all employees, and third parties under your direction, aware of the conditions of this Environmental Permit and provide training on good environmental practices. Annual training schedule shall be kept and submitted to the Agency upon request.
- 1.11 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.
  - 1.11.1 Fire prevention and control equipment shall be maintained in accordance with this Approval.

**1.12 Forecourt: Refueling and Fuel Delivery Area**

- 1.12.1 Fuel deliveries shall be supervised and must be conducted within the forecourt containment area, or in an area with separate bunding.
- 1.12.2 Fuel delivery points shall be equipped with a collection trap to collect the spilt fuel and divert it to a "**slop tank**".
- 1.12.3 Monitoring wells in the forecourt shall be located downslope of the underground tanks so the wells can be assessed.
- 1.12.4 All inlets to underground storage tanks shall be located within a bunded area to contain any spills resulting from discharge of fuel from tankers.

**1.13 Canopy**

- 1.13.1 The Permit Holder shall maintain a canopy cover over the fuel dispensing area with an overhang of at least 10 degrees.
- 1.13.2 The Permit Holder shall direct uncontaminated rainwater away from roofed areas into stormwater drains.

**2.0 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (USTs)**

- 2.1 The Permit Holder shall maintain a functional leak and overflow protection system as required in Condition 8.5.



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- 2.2 The Permit Holder shall ensure all underground storage tanks are double walled or placed in an encasement tomb made of solid cast or impervious materials.
- 2.3 The Permit Holder shall maintain corrosion protection for all metallic components (such as tanks, piping, and joints) in contact with soil and the inert material first, e.g., sand.
- 2.4 The Permit Holder shall ensure that tank covers are labelled clearly with the type of fuel and quantity stored.
- 2.5 The Permit Holder shall submit an Underground Storage Tank (UST) Decommissioning Plan to the Agency for approval at least **fourteen (14) days** prior to the closure of UST/s.
  - 2.5.1 Temporary or permanent closure of USTs shall be conducted in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan approved by the Agency.

**3.0 ABOVE-GROUND STORAGE TANKS (ASTs)**

- 3.1 The Permit Holder shall maintain an impervious base under the ASTs. All ASTs shall be located in impervious bunds to reduce the risk of groundwater and land contamination.
- 3.2 Storage areas shall be located at least 100 meters away from waterways and areas prone to flooding.
- 3.3 Buried piping shall be protectively wrapped and/or coated to prevent corrosion, and periodically tested for structural integrity.
- 3.4 The Permit Holder shall routinely monitor and maintain ASTs to prevent leaks. Areas to inspect include tank foundation, connections, coatings, tanks, walls, and piping systems.
- 3.5 Fuel storage tanks shall be visually inspected to verify their integrity and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- 3.6 The containment bund for areas with multiple tanks must have the capacity to provide containment for at least 110% the volume of the largest tank. The containment wall for areas with solitary tanks must have the capacity to provide containment for at least 110% the volume of the fuel tank. The containment wall shall be fully sealed to prevent spillage into the receiving drainage system.
- 3.7 All secondary containment shall be sealed and all piping must enter or exit the containment over the wall. Secondary containment shall provide total





containment, and no part of the tank infrastructure (e.g., dispenser, filling hoses and valves) shall protrude outside the containment.

- 3.8 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all above-ground tanks are painted with anti-corrosive paint. The tank(s) must be labelled clearly with the type of fuel and quantity stored.

#### **4.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The Permit Holder shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000.**

- 4.2 The Permit Holder shall maintain an oil-water separator on the facility which all effluent must pass before the final discharge. The oil-water separator shall be equipped with a removable cover by **November 30, 2024.**

- 4.3 The Permit Holder shall maintain an interceptor drain, which must be adequately sloped to collect storm flow. The interceptor drain must flow through the oil-water separator before its final discharge.

- 4.4 The Permit Holder shall avoid soil and water contamination from fuel, grease, waste oils, and other petroleum products.

- 4.5 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) *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.

Monitor the parameters above on an annual basis. Samples shall be taken from a point after the oil-water separator but before the drainage system. Samples shall be analyzed by a certified laboratory and the results submitted to the Agency as a component of the Annual Report.

#### **5.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 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.**

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- 5.2 The Permit Holder shall handle and store liquid fuel in such a manner so as to prevent the emission of offensive odours.
- 5.3 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 should not exceed the limits below, at a distance of 15 meters (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer

Residential Limits: **75 dB** [Day-time (06:00 h -18:00 h)]  
**60 dB** [Night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)]

- 5.4 The Permit Holder shall 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) requirements.
- 5.5 The Permit Holder shall operate and service all mechanical equipment in accordance with manufacturer's specifications to ensure efficiency. Mechanical equipment shall be regularly maintained, and operate at their optimal levels to minimise atmospheric emissions.
- 5.6 The Permit Holder shall place all equipment on foundation properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibration.
- 5.7 The Permit Holder shall maintain the exhaust stacks at least **two (2) meters above** the tallest nearby building to minimise adverse fumes/soot impacts to the contiguous areas.

## **6.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 In accordance with the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013**, the Permit Holder shall 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 of at an approved waste disposal facility.
- 6.2 The Permit Holder shall maintain a septic system on site at all times. 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 tanks must be in accordance with the *Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) "Code of Practice for the Design and Construction of Septic Tanks and Associated Secondary Treatment and Disposal Systems"*.



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6.3 Maintain good house-keeping, sanitary, and hygienic practices and improvement in the aesthetic quality of your surroundings at all times. The facility surroundings shall be kept free of vegetation and litter.

6.4 Burning of waste is **strictly prohibited**.

**7.0 FUEL, WASTE OIL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE/ MATERIAL MANAGEMENT**

7.1 The Permit Holder shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulation 2000**.

7.2 In the event that waste oil (recovered from oil-water separator or from servicing of generators) is stored on site, it shall be stored in a covered, bunded area to minimize adverse impacts to the environment in the event of a spillage. The bunded area shall be clearly labeled and have the capacity to provide 110% containment of the total volume of waste oils stored.

7.3 The Permit Holder shall store any contaminated fuel in closed leak proof containers and label "**slop tanks**" or '**waste fuel**'.

7.4 Containers containing oil/fuel of any sort must always be covered and placed in a bunded area that is able to contain 110% of the total capacity of that container.

7.5 Oil /fuel contaminated absorbent materials shall be appropriately stored and disposed of by double wrapping 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.

7.6 Store all fuel away from ignition sources and have "**No Smoking**" signs posted where fuel is handled or stored.

7.7 Draining of fuel/lubricants including waste oils of any quantity from equipment onto the ground or into waterways is strictly prohibited.

7.8 The Permit Holder shall conduct equipment refuelling, maintenance and placement on an impervious base to prevent fuel spills/leaks that can to prevent runoff into any watercourse within the project's area of influence.

7.9 The Permit Holder shall ensure all pumps, pipelines and fuel storage tanks are inspected regularly for leak detection.

7.10 All fuels and waste oils shall be managed to ensure safety in handling and the prevention of spills at the storage and operating site(s).



## **8.0 SPILLS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- 8.1 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).
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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 the contaminants).
- 8.4 The Permit Holder shall establish procedures for analysing accidents and failures to determine the causes of the failure and minimize the possibility of a recurrence. This information shall be made available to the Agency upon request.
- 8.5 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. A gauging system;
  - ii. An overflow alarm on tanks;
  - iii. Dipstick measurements; or
  - iv. Sensors installed on walls of the tank.
- 8.6 The Permit Holder shall maintain an emergency switch on all pumps using the automatic pump shut-off. Switches shall be readily accessible to the console attendant and be clearly marked "**Emergency Shut-off Switch**".
- 8.7 The Permit Holder shall provide a fully equipped first aid kit at all primary work sites and ensure that functional communication and transportation systems are in place to respond to emergencies.
- 8.8 An emergency spill clean-up kit shall be maintained at the service station for response to potential spills. The kit shall contain absorbent materials, drain seals and other appropriate tools for clean-up.



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- 8.9 The Permit Holder shall maintain a supply of oil-absorbent materials such as absorbent pads, sand, etc., at the site for the clean-up of spills.
- 8.10 The Permit Holder shall ensure spill trays are at all times present at the facility. Place a drip tray under the fuel containers when transferring fuel.
- 8.11 The clear sign outlining spill clean-up procedures and emergency contact numbers shall be prominently displayed at the Service Station at all times.
- 8.12 The Permit Holder shall establish and maintain an **Emergency Response Plan (ERP)** for the entire facility by **November 30, 2024**. The ERP shall contain, but may not be restricted to the following:
- 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.

**9.0 COMPLIANCE, MONITORING, AND REPORTING**

- 9.1 The Permit Holder shall monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by your employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 The Permit Holder shall submit an **Annual Report** to the Agency containing the information required under this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, of each year**.
- 9.5 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, radiation, heat or combination of any of them).
- 9.6 The Permit Holder shall report to the Agency any non-compliance with the



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- 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.

9.7 The Permit Holder shall 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.

**10.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES**

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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 (Renewed), 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 10.3 and 10.4 of this Environmental Permit (Renewed), pursuant to s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.



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- 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 The Permit Holder, his Servants and/or Agents shall be liable jointly and/or severally for any damage caused as a result of negligence or willful misconduct done in respect of the environment, biodiversity, protected species and natural habitat.
- 10.9 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.
- 10.10 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.
- 10.11 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, and the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 10.12 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.
- 10.13 The Agency has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.



- 10.14 **This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is not the final consent; all relevant Permissions should be obtained from other regulatory bodies for continued operation.**
- 10.15 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) is effective for the period stipulated herein **(October 2024 –September 2029)**.
- 10.16 The Permit Holder agrees that it will comply with the terms and conditions of this Environmental Permit and can and will pay compensation for any loss or damage which may arise from the Project or breach of any term or condition of this Permit.
- 10.17 This Environmental Permit (Renewed) shall remain valid until **September 30, 2029**, 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.
- 10.18 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, 2029**.
- 10.19 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated above, may require the Permit Holder to pay, in addition to the renewal fee, a late penalty fee (accruing at the time such obligation was first owed for renewal) at a rate of **two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) 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.
- 10.20 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**

Executive Director

Date: 2024.10.16

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, 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.

<b>NAME</b>	Philbert Suchif
<b>DESIGNATION</b>	owner
<b>DATE</b>	18.10.2024
<b>SIGNATURE</b>	

