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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.

Reference No.:	20220916-MAWHO
Fee:	Small (C1) - US\$ 100 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$ 500 for five (5) years – October, 2022 to September, 2027

Addressee: **Prairie Incorporated**
Lot 225 South Street,
Lacytown, Georgetown.

Activity: Operation of a Hotel, Restaurant and Bar

Prairie Incorporated, operating under the name Prairie Hotel, herein referred to as the "Permit Holder", is hereby authorised in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, to operate a Hotel, Restaurant and Bar located at Lot 11 Coverden, East Bank Demerara, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", in the manner indicated in the Application for Environmental Authorisation submitted on September 16, 2022, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein under the Environmental Protection Act, existing or forthcoming regulations made under the said Act and/or any other applicable Laws of Guyana, best practices, guidelines and standards relevant to this project.

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

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 Make an application to the Environmental Protection Agency to vary this Environmental Permit in instances where it becomes necessary to:
- i. Change the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility and all associated buildings;
 - ii. Change equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system or technology serving the facility;
 - iii. Change the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of discharge of effluents; or
 - iv. Affect any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.
- 1.2 Adhere to the requirements of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act, Cap. 99:10, Laws of Guyana.**
- 1.3 Maintain approval from the Guyana Fire Service and provide fire protection measures in accordance with this approval.
- 1.4 Employ or designate an employee to the role of an Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)/Environmental Officer to be responsible for the implementation and coordination of all safety requirements and terms and conditions stipulated in this Permit, as well as compliance monitoring with the preparation of all required reports.
- 1.5 Make all employees, and third parties under your direction, aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and provide training on good environmental practices.
- 1.6 Comply with Regulation **6(1)** of the **Environmental Protection (Expanded Polystyrene Ban) Regulations, 2015**, which states that *"no food service establishment shall sell or provide food for consumption, either on or off the said establishment's premises, in expanded polystyrene food service products."*
- 1.7 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Agency EPA upon receipt, the requisite approvals from the Guyana Fire Service, Central Housing and Planning Authority (CH&PA), the relevant Municipality or any other authority with jurisdiction and oversight over the Project by **November 30, 2022.**



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- 1.8 Submit to the Agency, within **thirty (30) working days** of issuance of this Permit, a detailed Emergency Response Plan for the facility, including but not limited to the following:
- i. An Evacuation Plan for the hotel, which shall be posted in a conspicuous location on each floor.
 - ii. Employee training schedule on the emergency response protocol and their duties and responsibilities in executing the Evacuation Plan.
 - iii. Clearly defined fire escape routes with emergency lighting and alarm systems in accordance with the requirements of the Guyana Fire Service.

2.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations, 2000**.
- 2.2 Monitor drinking water quality at the storage tanks according to the World Health Organization (WHO) 2006, Guideline for Drinking Water Quality First Addendum to Third Edition, Volume One, not exceeding the limits shown in the table below:

Microbiological Parameters	WHO Standards (2006)
E. coli	0/100 mL
Total Coliform	0/100 mL

- 2.3 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 should not be exceeded:
- i. Total Suspended Solid (TSS) < 50 mg/L;
 - ii. Oil and Grease < 10 mg/L; and
 - iii. Chloride < 0.2 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.



- 2.4 Maintain drainage systems capable of handling the probable maximum precipitation event.
- 2.5 Avoid soil and water contamination from fuel, grease, waste oils and other petroleum products that might be used at the facility.
- 2.6 Direct all waste lines and drains carrying grease, fats, or culinary oil, or similar waste products from the resort's kitchen area into one or more grease trap interceptors. All required grease trap interceptors shall:
- Be constructed of durable, corrosion-resistant materials and shall have water-tight covers securely fastened in place.
 - Have a flow rate sufficient to handle the maximum demand of the connected system.
 - Be installed at strategic locations to allow accessibility for convenient removal of the lid and internal contents.
 - Designed and installed with proper venting so that they do not become air bound.
- 2.7 Do not discharge trade effluent directly into receiving waters without prior treatment. An oil/water separator should be installed at strategic location, through which all effluent must pass before final discharge.
- 2.8 Store fuel in a secured designated area to prevent accidental release into the surrounding environment, especially in rainy conditions. The designated area should not be within 100 m of surrounding water bodies.
- 2.9 Store all chemicals in leak-proof containers that are kept under water-resistant cover and surrounded by secondary containment structures (e.g., spill berms, decks, spill containment pallets) to minimize the potential discharge of chemicals in stormwater and external waterways.

3.0 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND NOISE ABATEMENT

- 3.1 Strictly comply with the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations, 2000** and the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000**.

- 3.2 Monitor noise emissions to determine compliance 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 (50 ft) from the source or property boundary, whichever is closer.

Residential limits: **75 dB** during the daytime (06:00 h - 18:00 h)
 60 dB during the night-time (18:00 h - 06:00 h)

- 3.3 Enclose all sound-making devices, such as generators, in structures constructed with materials of good insulation properties (e.g., hollow concrete blocks, insulation boards, solid clay bricks, etc.); equip these devices with silencers/mufflers to reduce the noise level and placed them on foundations adequately designed to effectively dampen vibrations.
- 3.4 Service generator and air conditioning units to ensure efficiency, and to reduce air and noise emissions into the environment. A summarised maintenance report shall be kept and provided to the Agency upon request.
- 3.5 Locate generators away from communal areas to minimise adverse fumes/soot impacts to the contiguous areas.
- 3.6 Exhaust stacks of generators shall be at least 2 metres above the tallest building.
- 3.7 Record, investigate and address complaints of excessive noise, dust and vibrations from the public promptly upon receipt. Maintain a record of all complaints received and the action taken.

4.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Strictly adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations, 2013** and the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 4.2 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary and hygienic practices and the aesthetic quality of the surroundings at all times.
- 4.3 Promote proper solid waste management and disposal practices at the site, place covered garbage receptacles at strategic locations around the site.



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- 4.4 Dumping of waste into the surrounding environment is **strictly prohibited**. Waste, inclusive of waste oil and/or fuel, shall not be stored within 10 meters of any waterways.
- 4.5 Hazardous waste shall be treated and/or disposed by a Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility authorized by the Agency. All hazardous waste treatment and disposal shall be documented on a Waste Manifest Form which shall be submitted to the Agency as a component of the Annual Report.
- 4.6 Designate an area for the storage of fuel, used oil, washing detergents, sanitisers and other hazardous materials. Hazardous materials/ waste storage areas shall be clearly labelled and secured. The following warning signs shall be clearly posted:
- i. "Hazardous Waste Storage Area"
 - ii. Danger - "Authorised Personnel Only"
 - iii. No eating, drinking or smoking
- 4.7 Hazardous waste shall be contained in banded storage areas. These areas shall adhere to the following requirements:
- i. Be situated in low traffic areas;
 - ii. No interceptor drains shall be constructed; and
 - iii. Be banded to provide 110% containment of the largest volume of hazardous materials stored therein.
- 4.8 Hazardous waste shall be stored in containers appropriate for the waste stream; that is:
- i. Sealed Plastic Containers
 - a. Water-based waste
 - ii. Sealed Metal Containers
 - a. Solvents and petroleum-based products
 - b. Oil and oily absorbents
- 4.9 Hazardous waste/materials storage containers shall be inspected weekly for signs of leakage, deterioration or corrosion. Damaged containers must be replaced immediately. Inspection reports must be maintained and signed by the appropriately qualified inspecting Officer and his/her supervisor.
- 4.10 Maintain a septic system on site; the septic tank shall not be located within 1.5 m of a building or property boundary and should be accessible for cleaning and de-

sludging. Any modification to the septic tank shall 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.

5.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 5.1 Strictly comply with any lawful directions given by the Agency from time-to-time in furtherance of the implementation of any international or other obligation for the environmental protection of Guyana.
- 5.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Environmental Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 5.3 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with this Environmental Permit.
 - I. Within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the time the Holder of this Environmental Permit becomes aware of the non-compliance, with the anticipated manner in which it may endanger human health or the environment may be impacted.
 - 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.
- 5.4 Notify the Agency within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the occurrence of any environmental emergencies (e.g., oil spills, hazardous materials/wastes spill, sudden onset disaster, natural, technological or human-induced factors that cause or threaten to cause severe environmental damage as well as harm to human health or livelihood).
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 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.



5.7 Submit **Annual Report** to the Agency on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, each year**.

5.8 It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that the permitted activity and premises are secured and that all practicable steps necessary to prevent fires, explosions, leaks or suspected leaks and spills at the permitted premises are taken.

6.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES

6.1 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**.

6.2 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**.

6.3 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**.

6.4 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**.

6.5 The Permit Holder shall be liable to compensate any person who suffers any loss or damage as a result of contravening conditions 6.3 and 6.4 of this Environmental Permit, pursuant to **s. 19 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana**.

6.6 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.

- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 Should the Permit Holder contravene or be likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve on him an Enforcement Notice in accordance with **Section 26** of the **Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana**.
- 6.9 Where it appears to the Agency that the Permit Holder is engaged in any activity that may pose a serious threat to natural resources or the environment, or a risk of serious pollution of the environment or any damage to public health, the EPA may issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice, which may order him to immediately cease the offending activity, in accordance with **Section 27** of the **Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana**.
- 6.10 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**.
- 6.11 The Permit Holder, His Servants and/or Agents shall at all times, allow entry to the permitted facility to any Officer designated by the EPA for the purposes of conducting inspections or any other legitimate business of the Agency. Pursuant to **Section 38** of the **Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana**, it is an offence to assault, obstruct or hinder an authorised person in the execution of his/her duty under the said Act or its Regulations and the Permit Holder shall be liable to penalties prescribed under paragraph (c) of the Fifth Schedule for doing so.
- 6.12 The Agency has the right to modify, cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 6.13 **This Environmental Permit is not the final consent; all relevant permissions shall be obtained from other Regulatory Bodies for the operation of the facility.**
- 6.14 This Environmental Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein, **October, 2022 to September, 2027**.

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- 6.15 This Environmental Permit shall remain valid until **September 30, 2027**, unless otherwise suspended, cancelled, modified or varied, in accordance with the **Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005**, and the **Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000**.
- 6.16 This Environmental Permit shall be renewed by submitting "an Application for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation to the Agency at least six (6) months before this Permit expires, that is, no later than **March 31, 2027**."
- 6.17 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated above, may require the Permit Holder to pay, in addition to renewal fees, a late penalty fee (accruing at the time such obligation was first owed for renewal) at a rate of **two thousand dollars (GY\$2000.00) per day for every business day late**, until such renewal application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.
- 6.18 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.

Signed by *Shamfah Razack* on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency.



Date

2022.10.27

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I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit is granted and agree to abide by the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000, and any forthcoming regulations, best practices, guidelines and standards made under this Act.

NAME:	NEMEIL KILSON
SIGNATURE:	N. K.
DESIGNATION:	LEGAL CLERK
DATE:	31-10-2022



