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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.:	20160121-RMGHO
Fee:	Small (C2) - US\$ 175 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$ 875 for five (5) years – January 2024 to December 2028
Addressee:	Mr. Randolph Murray Proprietor ShaVeh Liquor Restaurant, Bar, Supermarket, and Hotel 33, Portuguese Quarter Port Mourant, Corentyne Berbice
Activity:	Operation of a Hotel, Restaurant, and Bar

Mr. Randolph Murray, trading and operating under the name ShaVeh Liquor Restaurant, Bar, Supermarket, and 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 33, Portuguese Quarter, Port Mourant, Corentyne, Berbice, Region 6, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", in the manner indicated in the Application for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation submitted on October 27, 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 the operation to be adhered to by the Permit Holder, his servants, agents, and sub-contractors:

1.0 OPERATION

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

1.1.1. Change the construction, operation, structure, or layout of the facility and all associated buildings;

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- 1.1.2. Change equipment, machine, apparatus, mechanism, system, or technology serving the facility;
- 1.1.3. Change the position and design of any outlet at the point or points of discharge of effluents; or
- 1.1.4. Affect any other change outlined in 20(3) of the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations.

- 1.2 The Terms and Conditions of this Permit extend only to the Inventory of Sound-Making devices currently in use at the facility:


Quantity	Device
2	6" and 8" Blast King Speakers 1500W
3	Gemini Amplifiers; two (2) 800 W and one (1) 3000 W

- 1.3 Make all employees, and Third Parties under your direction, aware of the conditions of the Environmental Authorisation and provide training on good environmental practices.
- 1.4 The Permit Holder shall 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. The Agency shall be notified **within 21 days** of any change in representative.
- 1.5 The Permit Holder shall submit to the Agency EPA upon receipt, the requisite approval from the Central Housing and Planning Authority (CH&PA) by **March 31, 2024**.

2.0 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Strictly comply with the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Water Quality) Regulations 2000**.

- 2.1 Direct all waste lines and drains carrying grease, fats, or culinary oil, or similar waste products from the Hotel's kitchen area into one or more grease trap interceptors. All required grease trap interceptors shall comply with the following:
- Construct grease interceptors of durable, corrosion-resistant materials and shall have water-tight covers securely fastened in place.
 - The interceptors shall have a flow rate sufficient to handle the maximum demand of the connected system.
 - Installed interceptors at strategic locations to allow accessibility for convenient removal of the lid and internal contents.


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- Interceptors shall be designed and installed with proper venting so that they do not become air-bound.
- 2.2 Maintain drainage systems capable of handling the probable maximum precipitation event.
- 2.3 Drainage systems shall be kept free-flowing and free of debris. Regular cleaning of the drainage network must be maintained.
- 2.4 Avoid excessive or inappropriate use of cleaning chemicals. The use of biodegradable/water-based cleaning products is encouraged.

3.0 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 The Permit Holder shall obtain and maintain fire prevention and control equipment in accordance with the Guyana Fire Service Approval and shall be submitted a copy of maintenance records as a component of the Annual Report. Further,
 - 3.1.1 Maintain adequate fire protection measures such as the placement of fighting equipment e.g. fire extinguishers and sand buckets, at visible locations on site, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Guyana Fire Service.
 - 3.1.2 All firefighting equipment **MUST** be regularly maintained and/or serviced and training, on the use of all equipment, **MUST** be provided to all employees.
- 3.2 Submit to the Agency, within **thirty 30 working days** of issuance of this Permit, a written Emergency Evacuation Plan for the constructed building.
- 3.3 Maintain an updated **evacuation plan** for the hotel. The evacuation floor plan **MUST** be posted on each floor of the hotel in a conspicuous location.
- 3.4 Install an alarm system and ensure that all employees are aware of the emergency response protocol and their duties and responsibilities according to the evacuation plan.
- 3.5 The fire escape routes shall be clearly defined and emergency lighting shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Guyana Fire Service.

4.0 AIR QUALITY AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Air Quality) Regulations 2000** and the **Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations 2000**.

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- 4.1 Soundproof the Bar in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Noise Management Regulations.
- 4.2 Comply with Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS) *Guidelines for Noise Emissions into the Environment*, not exceeding the residential limits listed below, at a distance of 15 metres (50 feet) from the source or property boundary.


Residential limits: **75 dB** (Day-time (06:00 h-18:00 h))
 60 dB (Night – time (18:00 h - 06:00 h))

- 4.3 Use of sound-making devices and other noisy activities, shall not be permitted between the hours of 23:00 h to 06:00 h, or unless permission is *otherwise* granted by the EPA.
- 4.4 Service the 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.
- 4.5 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.

5.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

Adhere to the provisions of the **Environmental Protection (Litter Enforcement) Regulations 2013**.

- 5.1 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.*”
- 5.2 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary and hygienic practices, and the aesthetic quality of the surroundings at all times.
- 5.3 Provide covered garbage receptacles at strategic locations, both within and outside the established buildings of the site. At all times, garbage receptacles, both inside and outside of the facility, should be emptied, cleaned, and maintained regularly, to prevent the fall or flow of garbage in the surrounding environment and the attraction of rodents and other vermin.
- 5.4 Eliminate or substantially reduce the use of plastics, e.g. disposable cups and dishes, etc., for special events where feasible. Adequately dispose, reuse, and/or recycle all waste materials


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- 5.5 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.

6.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Environmental Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 6.3 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with this Environmental Permit.
- 6.3.1 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.
- 6.3.2 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.
- 6.4 Notify the EPA 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).
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Notify the Agency within **twenty-one (21) days** in the event of death, bankruptcy, liquidation or receivership of the Permit Holder or if the company becomes a party to an amalgamation.
- 6.7 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, of each year**.

7.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES

- 7.1 The Permit Holder shall be strictly liable for any loss or damage to the environment through any act caused intentionally or recklessly, through the adverse effect of any discharge or release, or cause or permit the entry of pollution, contaminant in any amount, concentration or level in excess of that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by any Operation Permit which are attributed to the Project, pursuant to s. 39 and s. 19 (1) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 7.2 The Permit holder shall be guilty of an offence in accordance with s. 39 (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana., which attribute liability for causing material or serious environmental harm by polluting the environment intentionally or recklessly and with the knowledge that material and/or serious environmental harm will or might result. If found guilty of an offence the Permit Holder shall be liable to the penalties prescribed under the said Act.
- 7.3 The Permit Holder shall compensate any Party who suffers any loss or damage as a result of the attributed Project (See: s. 19 (3)(e) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.)
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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 or discharge, spill, contaminant fluids, oil or lubricants from the fuel storage.
- 7.6 The Agency (EPA) shall notify the Permit Holder immediately of any written claim or notice sent by any Complainant seeking loss or damage for negligence as a result of the Permit Holder lack of due care and diligence.
- 7.7 Should the Permit Holder contravene or is likely to contravene any condition of this Permit, the Agency (EPA) may serve on him an enforcement notice in accordance with s. 26 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 7.8 Where it appears to the Agency that the Permit Holder is engaged in any activity that may pose serious threat to natural resources or serious pollution of the Environment or any damage to public health, issue to the Permit Holder a Prohibition Notice, which may order him to immediately cease the offending activity, in accordance with s. 27 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.


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- 7.9 The EPA reserves the right to conduct regular inspections of the Permit Holder's operation as part of its monitoring and enforcement requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap 20:05, and the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.
- 7.10 The EPA reserves the right to review/amend the conditions and fees attached to this Permit, which also includes the review and/or amendment of Permit Fees in consideration of any changes in fee structure as determined by the Agency for projects of this nature.
- 7.11 The Permit Holder shall at all times, allow entry to the permitted facility to any Officer designated by the EPA for the purposes of conducting inspections or any other legitimate business of the Agency. Pursuant to s.38 of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, it is an offence to **assault, obstruct or hinder** an authorised person in the execution of his/her duty under the said Act or its Regulations and the Permit Holder shall be liable to penalties prescribed under paragraph (c) of the Fifth Schedule for doing so.
- 7.12 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 7.13 Failure to comply with the requirements of this Permit shall render the Permit Holder liable to prosecution and to civil penalties and/or injunctive reliefs prescribed under the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and the Environmental Protection Regulations, including under any existing and forthcoming regulations made under the said Act or any other applicable Laws of Guyana.
- 7.14 The Permit Holder is obligated to ensure that the operation is permitted by other relevant authorities.
- 7.15 This Operation Permit is effective for the period stipulated herein, **January 2024 to December 2028**.
- 7.16 This **Operation Permit** shall remain valid until **December 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.
- 7.17 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 **June 30, 2028**.
- 7.18 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated


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above, shall 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 day late, until such renewal application is submitted to the Agency, without prejudice to any other rights of the Permit Holder in connection therewith.

- 7.19 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, the Environmental Protection (Amendment) Act, 2005, and Environmental Protection Regulations, 2000, including civil penalties and injunctive relief.

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

Date 2024.01.15

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, 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:	RANDOLPH RAY MURRAY
SIGNATURE:	
DESIGNATION:	Owner
DATE:	2024-01-16

