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Environmental Permit (Varied and 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.:	20080808-LI000
Fee:	Small (C2) - US\$ 175 per year
Fees Paid:	US\$ 875 for five (5) years – May 2024 to April 2029
Addressee:	Ms. Kesha Phillips Proprietor Leisure Inn 2 & 4 - 9, Main and Theater Ally New Amsterdam, Berbice.
Activity:	Operation of a Hotel, Restaurant, and Bar

Ms. Kesha Phillips, trading and operating under the name Leisure Inn, 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 2 & 4 - 9, Main and Theater Ally, New Amsterdam, Berbice, Region 6, hereinafter referred to as "the Project", in the manner indicated in the Application for Variance of Environmental Authorisation submitted on January 11, 2024, and application for Renewal of Environmental Authorisation submitted on January 15, 2024, 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.

This is a Variance and Renewal of Operation Permit (Renewed), Reference number 20080808-LI000, issued in May 2019, which expires on May 06, 2024, pursuant to the Environmental Protection (Authorisations) Regulations, 2000.

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;
 - 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
12	Blast King 15" Subwoofers with 2000W maximum output each.
5	QSC PLX Power Amplifiers; two (2) 575 W channels each.

- 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 ensure that all pest control applications are conducted by a pest control operative who is trained by the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board (PTCCB).

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 restaurants' kitchen area into one or more grease trap

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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.
 - 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 submit 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 Maintain a written Emergency Evacuation Plan for the Hotel, Restaurant, and Bar.
- 3.3 Maintain an **evacuation plan** for the Hotel, Restaurant, and Bar. The evacuation floor plan **MUST** be posted on each floor of the hotel in a conspicuous location.
- 3.4 Maintain 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 and maintained 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**.

- 4.1 Maintain the soundproofing of the Bar in accordance with **Regulation 19 of the Environmental Protection (Noise Management) Regulations, 2000**.
- 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 The use of sound-making devices and other noisy activities, shall not be permitted outside of a soundproof environment and/or unless permission is *otherwise* granted by the EPA.
- 4.4 The Permit Holder shall ensure that all significant noise-producing equipment, e.g. generators, air conditioning units, etc. are equipped with appropriate silencers or mufflers and/or are enclosed in suitable acoustic enclosures where necessary to ensure efficiency and to reduce noise levels impacting the surrounding environment to achieve compliance with GNBS requirements. Maintenance Report shall be kept and provided to the Agency upon request.
- 4.5 The Permit Holder shall ensure all equipment and machinery are placed on a foundation properly designed to ensure effective damping of vibrations.
- 4.6 The Permit Holder shall operate and service all mechanical equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications at all times. Additionally, ensure that all mechanical equipment works at their optimal levels to minimize atmospheric emissions.
- 4.7 The Permit Holder shall maintain the exhaust stacks of the generator at a height of at **least two (2) meters** above the generator room or the tallest nearby building, whichever is applicable, to minimise adverse fumes/soot impacts to contiguous areas.

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- 4.8 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.

3.0 WASTE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

- 3.1 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."*
- 3.2 The Agency considers all materials listed in **Scheduled I and II** of the **Environmental Protection (Hazardous Waste Management) Regulations, 2000**, to be hazardous.
- 3.3 In the event that waste oil (recovered from oil-water separator or from servicing of generators) is stored, it should be stored in a covered, bunded area to minimise adverse impacts to the environment in the event of spillage.
- 3.4 Store all fuel away from ignition sources and have **'No Smoking'** signs posted where fuel is handled or stored.
- 3.5 Treat and contain spills of even a minor nature with absorbent materials.
- 3.6 All oil/fuel containment adsorbent materials shall be stored in a concrete-based structure and away from waterways and disposed of by double wrapping in heavy-duty garbage bags and disposed of at an approved solid waste disposal site.
- 3.7 Record and include in a summary table the following information:
(a) Name and description (e.g. composition of a mixture) of the hazardous materials;
(b) Classification (e.g. code, class, or division) of the hazardous materials;
(c) Quantity of hazardous materials used per month; and
(d) Characteristic(s) that make(s) the materials hazardous (e.g. flammability, toxicity).
- 3.8 Maintain good housekeeping, sanitary and hygienic practices, and the aesthetic quality of the surroundings at all times.
- 3.9 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.

- 3.10 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
- 3.11 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.

4.0 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Monitor the implementation of the conditions of this Environmental Permit, insofar as they involve adherence by employees and all third parties under your direction.
- 4.3 Submit an **Annual Report** to the EPA on your compliance with this Environmental Permit on or before **March 31, of each year.**
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 Report to the Agency any non-compliance(s) with this Environmental Permit.
 - 4.6.1 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.
 - 4.6.2 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

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dates and time and the anticipated time it is expected to continue if the non-compliance(s) has not been corrected.

- 4.7 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).

5.0 INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY/LIABILITIES

- 5.1 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, a contaminant in any amount, concentration or level over that prescribed by the regulations or stipulated by any Operation Permit which are attributed to the Project, under s. 39 and s. 19 (1) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.)
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 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.

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- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 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.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 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.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 The EPA shall have the right to cancel or suspend this Permit for breach of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 5.13 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.
- 5.14 The Permit Holder is obligated to ensure that the operation is permitted by other relevant authorities.
- 5.15 This **Environmental Permit (Varied & Renewed)** is effective for the period stipulated herein, **May 2024 to April 2029**.
- 5.16 This **Environmental Permit (Varied & Renewed)** shall remain valid until

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April 30, 2029, 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.

- 5.17 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 **October 31, 2028**.
- 5.18 Any late submission of renewal application(s) after the specified date as stated 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.
- 5.19 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.

Date

2024.04.02



Ray Depau San I
2024-04-04

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I hereby accept the above terms and conditions upon which this Environmental Permit (Varied & 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:	Kesha Phillips
SIGNATURE: PP	Ray Depaul Shul
DESIGNATION:	Owner
DATE:	2024-04-04