



Environmental Protection Agency

Notice to the Public

Pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Environmental Protection Act, Cap. 20:05, Laws of Guyana, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has screened the application for the grant of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

1. Ekaar Hirm Earth Resources Management Inc. (Mr. Jesvin Pradeep Kumar Nathan)- Operation of a Stone Quarry.

The EPA has determined that this project will not significantly affect the environment, and is therefore exempt from the requirement to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The reasons for its decision include:

1. Impacts have been characterized to be of medium to low significance since the project site is located in the Mazaruni Mining District #3, and is surrounded by similar land use activities.
2. The project is located within the confines of the Amerindian title land Batavia and the closest town is Bartica which is located approximately 16.4km East of the project site.
3. The project developer has obtained permission from the Batavia village council and will work in tandem with the community to foster mutual development.
4. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate and will be periodic. Impacts will be confined to the production activities area. Employees will wear their necessary protective gear to minimise the impact of noise during operation.
5. Air quality may be affected by stripping activities allowing for the increase in fugitive dust levels and by the generation of combustion gases produced from heavy-duty machinery. However, these impacts would be within the confines of the immediate project area and can be effectively mitigated by preventative maintenance of heavy-duty machinery and the implementation of control measures such as wet suppression.
6. Loss of biodiversity and habitats may occur as a result of the removal of vegetation and forest fragmentation. The clearing of vegetation and the extraction of materials in stages will allow for more effective management and control of impacts which will, in turn, reduce habitat destruction.
7. Surface water quality may be affected by sediment load occurring from loose soil and sediments in storm runoff given the fact that the area is undulating. There will be no direct discharge of effluent into any Creek or surface water body.
8. The developer will ensure that waste will be recycled and reused as well as utilize appropriate disposal techniques in keeping with the Agency's Hazardous Waste Guidelines.



Please be advised that this decision is in no way an indication that this project is approved.

The reasons for our decision are available at the following links on our website:

Screening Decision for Ekaar Hirm Earth Resources Management Inc. –

<https://epaguyana.org/download/jesvin-nathan-screening-report/>

Project Summary Tab

<https://epaguyana.org/download/eerm-atlana-mine-plan-nov-22-v2/>

Any person who may be affected by the proposed project may lodge an appeal against the Agency's decision (EIA not required) within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice. *Appeals against the EPA's decision should be addressed to:*

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