



## **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 granting of an environmental permit for the following proposed project:

**1. Rexford Jackson- Construction and Operation for a Stone Quarry at Block #: J-1040/000, confluence of Corentyne River and Epira River, Region# 06.**

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 it is surrounded by similar land use activities and isolated in nature.
2. The project is located approximately 44.624 km north downstream of the Corentyne River from Orealla Amerindian Titled Lands. Corentyne River and Epira River are approximately 2.265 km south and 28.312 km north respectively of the Project area. Aside from tracks and trails made by small-scale loggers, the forest cover has essentially been preserved.
3. Impacts from noise will be low to moderate and will be periodic. Impacts will be confined to the production activities areas. Further, employees will be wearing their necessary protective gear to minimize the impact of noise on their being during operation.
4. Air quality may be affected by striping activities allowing for the increase in fugitive dust and by the generation of combustion gases produced from heavy-duty machineries during operation. 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 and the maintenance of forest buffers.
5. 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.



6. Surface water quality may be affected by sediment load occurring from loose soils and sediments in storm runoff given the fact that the area is undulating and may be void of vegetation. There will be no direct discharge of effluent into any Creek or surface water body.
7. 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**

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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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