

Environmental Impacts Screening Decision

Project Name: Zameer Khan & Sons Lumber Yard

Type of Operation: Forestry (Lumberyard)

Location of Project: Lot 32, Maida Village, Corentyne, Berbice

Project Description

The lumber yard was registered for business on June 09, 2022, under the name Zameer Khan & Sons Lumber Yard. The developer mainly buys, stores, and sells wood, mixed hardwood, wallaba posts, runner, and kabakali.

The facility is existing and has been in operation for the past three years. The facility was constructed on an earthen foundation. The wood is stored on several racks and shelves at the facility which is protected/covered by a shed. The main source of energy is provided by Guyana Power and Light (GPL) and water is supplied by Guyana Water Inc. (GWI). The facility would operate between 08:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs and there is only one worker who would tend to patrons.



Figure 1. Map showing the location of the facility and its surroundings.

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Additionally, with regards to the immediate environs, residents are located on the Western side of the facility while the Southern and Eastern sides of the facility are vacant (unoccupied), and the Corentyne Public Road is located on the Northern side of the facility. Notably, the area surrounding the project location was observed to be sparsely populated. The facility can be accessed from the Corentyne Public Road at Maida Village, Corentyne, Berbice.

Key Considerations

1. The project is located in a residential area that is sparsely populated. Residents are located ONLY on the western side of the facility.
2. The facility is established and would only buy, store and re-sell lumber. No processing is done at the facility.
3. There is no significant concern for the continued operation of the project at the current location.

Environmental Impact Screening

The EPA's screening concludes that there are no likely or foreseeable significant environmental impacts likely to be generated from this project considering the location, scale, and type of the operation. The impacts arising during the operational phase are considered to be minor, localised, and mitigable thus no further environmental studies such as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be required.

1. There is a potential for noise from the loading and offloading of lumber at the facility. However, this is negligible considering the frequency and duration of such activities and the facility's proximity to surrounding residents. Additionally, the developer would monitor the activities at the lumber yard so that the facility operates within the GNBS noise emission limits (75 dB for residential areas) along with strictly following the operating hours.
2. The project is expected to generate only domestic solid waste from patrons and workers which will include food items, papers, and other related materials. The solid waste generated will be stored in covered bins and collected once per week by the local NDC.

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3. The project due to its nature will not be discharging any wastewater.

Conclusion and recommendations

It can be concluded that there are no likely or foreseeable significant impacts from the project that is outside the scope of limited to no intervention by the developer. Therefore, no further environmental studies such as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Environmental Management Plan (EMP) are required. The implementation of the best applicable environmental management practices will be required. These will become enforceable upon the issuance of an Environmental Authorisation for the project.

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