

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority
Held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 via Electronic Mail**

RESPONDENTS: Mrs. Winnifred Fostine-DeSilva, Chair
Mrs. Sarah Haycock Tafur, Deputy Chair
Dr. Nick Bates, Member
Mrs. Susan Armstrong, Member
Mr. Eugene Saunders, Member
Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member

NO RESPONSE:
Ms Lynesha Lightbourne, Member

In order to ensure that the demand for roofing slate following Hurricane Humberto is matched with the supply from licenced slate cutters Government is working to expedite the applications for new slate cutters. This email meeting was set to approve a new application for an operating licence for slate cutter and to address some routine renewals of operating licences and water rights.

1. OL-1059 Mr Don Baisden of E.S. Enterprise. Slate Cutter Operating Licence for use at sites that have a Quarrying Permit and are approved by the Department of Planning.

Background: Mr Basiden is a new operator in terms of his name being on the licence but has been operating the slate cutting machinery for the licenced Cumberbatch slate cutting activities. The specific sites are approved by the Department of Planning prior to a quarrying permit being issued. The Operating Licence conditions state that the approval is for operation at sites approved by the Department of Planning where a Quarrying permit exists. Therefore the operating licence is assessed in terms of the dust and fumes reaching nearby neighbours and for one licensee in the past we also conducted a noise survey to address objection letters to the Dept of Planning prior to a quarrying permit being issued. Dept of Planning is considering the site specific issues for the Quarrying Permit separately.

New Application: The site that will have slate cut includes St Regis Resort in St George's as part of the development process and at other sites where the Department of Planning has issued a 'Quarrying Permit'.

Noise estimate: DENR will assess the noise at the nearest neighbours for each new location that the slate cutting has an approved quarrying permit. For daytime operation the noise shall be no greater than the WHO daytime guideline value of 55 dBA. DENR will work with the slate cutter to identify the ideal location of the slate cutting machine either behind foliage, or a stockpile of material or an escarpment as the grade is lowered in order to reduce the noise level at the property to the south to below 55 dBA. It is also noted that the back page of the conditions has a notice for the complaints procedure for neighbours. The licence requires that this should be properly displayed by the licensee on the entrance to the property (See attached standard conditions).


Decision: The Environmental Authority **APPROVED** the application for an operating licence (OL-1059) for the slate cutting operating at sites that have a Quarrying Permit and are approved by the Department of Planning.

2. Operating Licence Renewals provided on a printed sheet.

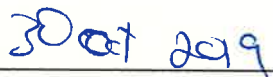
All operating licence reissues besides the wastewater treatment plant at Newstead, Harbour Road and the Spray Paint Facility, Zippy Lube on Laffan Street were **APPROVED** for renewal. The exceptions will be presented to the Authority at the next meeting at DENR.

3. Water Right Renewals provided on a printed sheet.

All Water Right reissues were **APPROVED** by the Environmental Authority.



CHAIRMAN



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