

LIST OF CONDITIONS FOR PROPOSED MANUFACTURE OF BIODEGRADABLE AND EXEMPTED PLASTIC BAGS AT AVENUE BERTHAUD, QUATRE BORNES BY VED PLASTICS LTD

1. All other necessary permits/clearances from the relevant authorities, including:
 - a) Building and Land Use Permit from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes for any extension or modification;
 - b) Clearance from the Ministry of Housing and Lands indicating compliance to the Planning Policy Guidance (PPG);
 - c) Certificate of Registration and Clearance from the Director of Environment of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste management and Climate Change for the manufacturing of biodegradable plastic bags under Regulations 6 of the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020; and
 - d) Certificate of Registration for the manufacturing of exempt plastic bag from the Director of Environment of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste management and Climate Change under Regulations 5 of the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020;

shall be obtained prior to the start of operation and all the conditions attached therewith shall be scrupulously observed. A copy of all the permits/clearances obtained shall be submitted to the Director of Environment.

2. The development shall be undertaken as per the mitigating measures stated in the Preliminary Environmental Report (PER) and additional information submitted on 11 September 2020 and 18 February 2021. Moreover, the cladding of the external walls on the neighbours' side and the existing roof with wood fibre insulation boards or equivalent, shall be implemented prior to the operation of the proposed factory.
3. The proponent shall apply for a completion certificate immediately upon completion of all works on site and prior to start of operation.
4. The Department of Environment and the Ministry of Health and Wellness shall be informed in writing of the date of commencement of operation on site for monitoring purposes.
5. The biodegradable and exempt plastic bags shall comply to the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020 and any other forthcoming regulations relevant to plastics.
6. All operations of the factory shall be carried out from 07.00 to 17.00hrs during week days and 07.00 to 12.00hrs on Saturdays only. Necessary authorization shall be sought from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes for any operation undertaken beyond normal working hours.

7. The biodegradable plastic bags shall comply with one of the standards listed under the Third Schedule of the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020.
8. The manufactured exempt and biodegradable plastic bags shall comply with the labelling requirements per Regulations 5(2) and 6(6) of the Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020 and the communiques issued by this Ministry on 19 February 2021 and 10 February 2023, respectively.
9. The proponent shall obtain a Fire Certificate in pursuance to Section 19 of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service Act 2013.
10. Given that the proposed site lies around 67m from a natural watercourse and that the region can be considered as permeable/sensitive, all necessary precautions shall be taken so that the proposed development does not impact negatively on the freshwater and groundwater resources in the vicinity of the proposed development site.
11. All precautions shall be taken to avoid discharge of polluted water or wastes into the natural watercourse/drain which passes close to the site boundary.
12. Necessary bunded walls shall be provided around the storage of chemical based products to cater for any accidental spillage/leakage.
13. No waste of any type shall be discharged in any natural watercourse, drains, canals, rivers or ground surface.
14. All domestic wastewater shall be disposed of through a septic tank followed by an absorption pit. The septic tank shall have a minimum capacity of 3m³ and shall be watertight and accessible at all times for maintenance. The absorption pit shall have a minimum wall surface area of 20m². The septic tank and absorption pit shall be located at least 2m from any building and site boundary as per the Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) of the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning dated November 2004 and revised in September 2006. Every 3 years or if need be to a higher frequency, sludge from the septic tank shall be removed by a registered wastewater carrier and carted away to a WMA approved disposal site. No vehicular loading shall be allowed on the on-site wastewater disposal system. As such, kerbs shall be provided around the septic tank/absorption pit to prevent vehicular movement on the system. Also, the wastewater system shall not be located under parking spaces or along driveways. The design of the on-site wastewater disposal system shall be as per the PPG. The on-site disposal system shall not be located on slope greater than 10%. The minimum distance from the formation level of the absorption pit to the maximum level of water table shall be 1.2m as per the PPG.

15. Defective bags shall be reused in the process or collected by registered recycler for recycling. Recyclable solid wastes generated by workers shall be collected and sent to registered recyclers. Non-recyclable solid wastes generated by workers shall be collected and sent to Mare Chicose landfill.
16. Electric motors such as air conditioning units, generators and transformers shall be housed in sound attenuating structures so that noise emanating therefrom be within permissible limits as per the Environment Act 2024. These equipment shall be located at the front side of the building facing the main entrance furthest away from the residential buildings.
17. All noise generating equipment shall be located furthest away from the nearest residences.
18. The operation of the facility shall not give rise to any form of nuisance by way of noise, odour, dust and air nuisances to the public and surrounding environment.
19. The proponent shall adopt energy-saving devices and eco-friendly practices such as recycling, rainwater harvesting for landscaping purposes, renewable energy supply (solar energy and photovoltaic cells) and other similar facilities.
20. The whole of the building housing the project shall be properly lighted and ventilated.
21. The site shall at all times shall be kept clean and tidy and appropriate measures be taken for the storage, handling and disposal of waste materials.
22. A program to control insects, rodents and/or any other pests by eliminating the breeding places and removing materials which may serve as food shall be implemented.
23. The proponent shall establish a proper line of communication with the neighbours in the surrounding to ensure prompt actions in case of environmental nuisances such as noise, gaseous emissions, dust, air and traffic nuisances.
24. Machines and plants shall be maintained in good working condition so as to avoid excessive noise emanation.
25. In case of any environmental pollution or nuisance arising from this development, this Ministry in consultation with other concerned authorities may impose additional conditions and will take necessary actions in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Act 2024. The additional conditions shall be strictly observed and implemented by the proponent.
26. Any proposed deviation shall be subject to an application to the Director of Environment. No deviation or part thereof shall be executed prior to the determination of the application by the Director.