

- MINING CLEAN -
LIVING GREEN



SELF-MONITORING
(Compliance & Performance)
GUIDANCE NOTES FOR
SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE MINERS

**Rate your
performance
while improving
your level of
compliance**

*Adapted from the March 2010
MRV Checklist*



MESSAGES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

OF THE GUYANA GEOLOGY AND MINES COMMISSION (GGMC)



RESTORED MINE SITE
ST. ELIZABETH, MAHDIA

Miners!

Compliance with Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Regulations, Guidelines and Codes of Practices are important to ensure safe, environmentally-friendly and successful mining operations.

The objective of the Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Best Practices, is to prevent or minimize risks to human health as well as adverse environmental social and economic impacts.

All field officers can assist you.



BENEFITS OF COMPLYING WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS



NO DOWN TIME

Reduced operational down-time resulting from cease work orders and penalties.



REDUCED OPERATING COST

Reduced costs resulting from fines and penalties.



HEALTHY WORK GROUNDS & ENVIRONMENT

Reduced levels of pollution and occurrences of vector borne diseases e.g. Malaria, Dengue fever.



SAFE WORK GROUNDS

Reduced incidents of accidents and fatalities.

Part 6: Occupational Safety and Health at Mining Site/Camp Ground

Particulars	Yes=1	No=0
1. *Does the operation have safe pit wall slope angle?		
2. *Does the operation have adequate entry and exit out of pit?		
3. Is benching practiced?		
4. *Does the operation require benching based on soil type and depth of pit?		
5. *Is overburden stored a safe distance away from pit faces?		
6. Does the operation have an emergency response plan in case of an accident?		
7. Does the mine operator conduct safety inspections before and during mining operations?		
8. *Are workers mining at a distance of 1.5 times the height of the pit wall?		
Total score (Breaches vs Compliance)		

*Denotes breaches with corresponding penalties in keeping with the Mining Act and Regulations

Part 7: Reclamation

Particulars	Yes=1	No=0
1. Does the operation practice progressive backfilling of abandoned pits?		
2. Is the operation refilling excavation to the satisfaction of GGMC, not later than six months after the need for the excavation ceased?		
3. Has the operation lodged an application to GGMC for determination that refilling of excavation is physically impossible or unjustified?		
4. Does the operation have written permission from GGMC to put excavation to an approved alternative beneficial use?		
5. Was any consultation done with the relevant authorities on the type of plants and animals on the claim/permit prior to mining?		
6. Were any steps to preserve important species of plants and animals?		
7. Is any soil profile test done to determine the amount of topsoil to be set aside for refilling and re-vegetation?		
8. Is overburden and or topsoil stored to be reapplied after mining?		
9. Is the operation covered by reclamation fee or bond?		
Total score (Breaches vs Compliance)		



Rate Your Compliance

Number of breaches/Score by Operator/Operation=

There are 28 breaches from Part 1-7. To get the "Number of breaches/Score by Operator/Operation" add all the breaches/scores recorded (indicated by *) from Part 1-7, then subtract this total from 28.

Please rate your compliance to breachable offences by ticking the range for your score below. E.g. If the total is 16, then this falls into the "Good" category as shown in table below, which means that the operator has "Good compliance with the Mining and Environmental Regulations stated in this checklist" and is given a grade "C".

Miners with Scores in the D and-F categories should seek immediate assistance from the GGMC

(Please tick based on your score)

Excellent (28-26) A	Very Good (25-20) B	Good (19-15) C	Fair (14-10) D	Poor (9-1) F
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Overall compliance by Operator/Operation =

The total number of Compliance (yes) scores from Part 1-7 is 63. Add all of your yes scores from Part 1-7, then subtract this total from 63. The resulting score is your Overall Compliance. Please rate your Overall Compliance in the table below.

(Please tick based on your score)

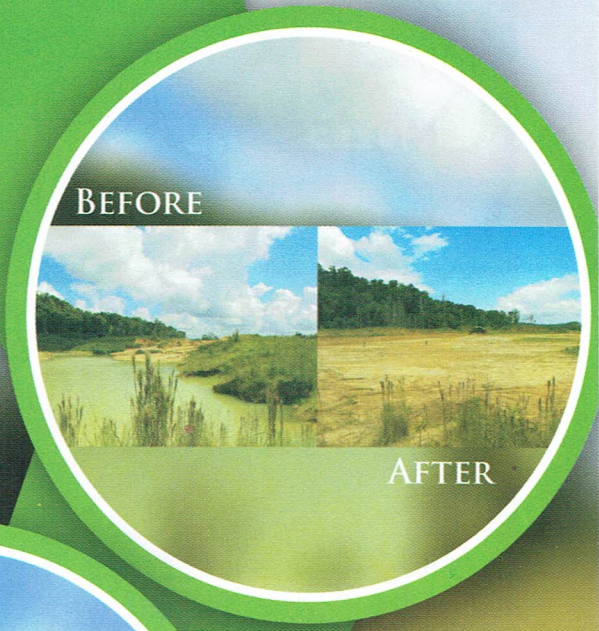
Excellent (46-63) A	Very Good (31-45) B	Good (16-30) C	Poor (1-15) D
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CODES OF PRACTICES

Do you know them?

- ✓ **Contingency and Emergency Plans** - To prevent loss of life or damage to health and social well-being, avoid property damage, and ensure environmental safety in a local community.
- ✓ **Mercury** - To promote sound mercury management practices to minimize impacts on workers, communities and the environment.
- ✓ **Mine Effluents** - To prevent and minimize environmental damage (terrestrial, aquatic) and unacceptable impacts associated with the release of effluents from mining operations and processes.
- ✓ **Mine Reclamation and Closure** - to prevent and minimize adverse long-term environmental impacts generated by small- and medium-scale mines in Guyana and to create a stable landform suitable for some agreed subsequent land use.
- ✓ **Tailings Management** - To promote sound tailings management practices in order to minimize impacts on communities and the environment.
- ✓ **Waste Management** - To foster sustainable waste management and disposal practices to prevent and minimize adverse environmental, physical, social and economic impacts and to create a stable landform suitable for post mining land use.
- ✓ **Use of Small Dams Water and Tailings Management** - To ensure the stability and effective use of small/tailings dams, to control flows through the dams, and to prevent uncontrolled discharge of tailings and other effluents.
- ✓ **Quarrying** - To promote sound and sustainable quarrying practices to minimize the impacts on communities and the environment.
- ✓ **Sand and Loam Mining** - To promote sound sand and loam mining practices to minimize the impacts on communities and the environment.
- ✓ **Environmental Effects Monitoring Programme** - To provide the framework for the generation and evaluation of data to support the assessment of the environmental effects associated with large- and medium-scale mines in Guyana.

RECLAMATION IN PRACTICE



Area: Olive Creek

Project size: 14.7 Hectares or 36.3 Acres
(Actual area of intervention: 8.78 Hectares)

Activities: Backfilling, Contouring, Levelling, Natural Rregeneration,
Monitoring and Data Collection.



MINE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT IN MIND

MINE RECLAMATION PLAN

Means the plan for the closing and reclaiming and reclamation of lands disturbed by mining, in accordance with the mines code of practice (*MINING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2005*).

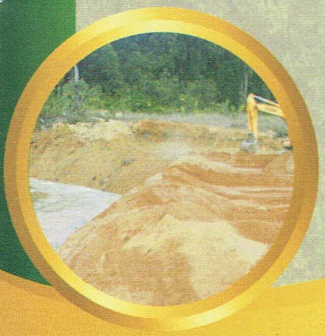
PROGRESSIVE RECLAMATION

Reclamation that is carried out throughout the mine life in day-to-day operations (*CODES OF PRACTICE - MINE RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE PLANS drafted under the MINING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2005*).

RECLAMATION

The return of the disturbed land to a stable, productive and self-sustaining condition, taking into account beneficial uses of the site and surrounding land (*MINE RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE PLANS drafted under the MINING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2005*).

MINE RECLAMATION IS A PRIORITY





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