**GY-L1043 Table of Compliance with PBL2 Conditions**

**Status as of November 24, 2014**

| **#** | **Conditions for Second Operation of**  **the Programmatic series** | **Means of Verification** | **Responsible Party** | **Date of Completion** | **Status (as of Nov 2014)** |
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| 1 | That the LCDS Update is implemented, and particularly that at least two new projects in the areas of institutional strengthening and support for community development plans by Amerindian Communities have been defined and have started preparation or been approved | 1. Signed agreement between the Office of Climate Change (OCC) and Conservation International on the Project: Implementing the Guyana Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) Outreach Programme. | OCC | July 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Signed agreement between the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Amerindian Affairs, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) representative on the LCDS Amerindian Development Fund: Village Economy Development (Phase II) under Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (GRIF). | OCC | September 2014 | Complete |
| 2 | That consultations with affected indigenous groups concerning the following processes continue and that their participation is facilitated: |  |  |  |  |
| 1. LCDS | 1. Minutes of meetings of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC), including list of attendance and schedule of meetings. | OCC | May 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Report on results of awareness sessions with specific stakeholders, including indigenous groups, reflecting the results of consultations with indigenous groups on LCDS. | OCC | November 2014 | Pending |
| 1. REDD+ Stakeholders Awareness Plan | 1. Copy of Overview of Guyana’s LCDS, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) Activities and the Monitoring Reporting & Verification System (MRVS), Final Workshop Report. | GFC | June 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of the Framework for Communication and Participation Mechanism for REDD+ in Guyana. Version 2. | GFC | June 2014 | Complete |
| 3 | That a review of the Environmental Protection Agency’s regulations and guidelines is completed. This review must include at least recommendations in the following areas: |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Strengthen the EPA to have overarching responsibilities for environmental compliance in Guyana. | 1. Copy of the Letter of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (MNRE) to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the EPA on Refocusing the role and mission of the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) in the context of achieving sustainability in the natural resources sector, and adequate budgetary resources to accomplish, specifically in the following directions:    1. Re-orientation of the EPA towards achieving effective environmental management in the natural resources sector, for which consulting services are being contracted with a view to obtain a technical proposal by the end of the first trimester of 2015;    2. Consolidation of EPA decision making and enforcement authority over environmental compliance issues as it related to different environmental and natural resources activities through necessary regulatory, overseeing and coordinating instruments;    3. Institutional support and capacity building activities in order to improve and enhance EPA staff capacities for environmental enforcement and compliance. | EPA | November 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of the Letter from the MNRE to EPA notifying that the Government of Guyana has approved funding for the Consultancy work on restructuring EPA. | EPA | September 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of MNRE document containing Call for the proposals and Terms of Reference for building a technical proposal to re-orient EPA and institute an improved cost recovery mechanism, approved by Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment. | EPA | October 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of approved wildlife regulations published in the Official Gazette. | EPA | November 2013 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of approved Litter Regulations published in the Official Gazette. | EPA | November 2013 | Complete |
| 1. Draft Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Regulations issued by EPA. | EPA | October 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Draft Air Quality Guidelines issued by EPA. | EPA | September 2014 | Complete |
|  | 1. Enhance EPA’s capacity to manage environmental and social impacts of development activities in all sectors of the country through institutional and policy strengthening. | 1. Copy of contracts with the 2 new Directors that will integrate the Compliance and Enforcement Unit at EPA, approved by Director of EPA. | EPA | November | Pending: contracts |
|  | 1. Copy of contracts Terms of Reference (ToRs)with for 12the staff to be employed by the Compliance and Enforcement Unit, its organizational chart, a list of the staff currently employed and a summary of reports detailing the establishment of Compliance and Enforcement Unit within the EPA. | EPA | June 2014  Novermber | Complete  Pending: contracts of 12 staff |
| 1. Copy of Compliance and Enforcement Regulations issued by EPA submitted to the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment. | EPA | November 2014 | Pending |
| 4 | That amendments and/or regulations are drafted in order to ensure consistency with MNRE’s mandate, in the context of the following Acts: |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Mining Act; | 1. Copy of letter from Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment acknowledging that the Mining Regulations currently in review including   a. Part XVI: Requirements for Environmental Management for Large and Medium Scale Mining;  b. Part XVII: Requirement for Environmental Management for Small Scale Mining;  c. Part XIX: Protected Area; and  d. Part XX: Pollution Control  will be revised, by end of 2015, to ensure consistency with Government of Guyana commitment on the Minamata Convention on Mercury. | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
|  | 1. Copy of drafted regulations on Dredge Tracking and Mining Occupational Safety and Health | MNRE | November 2014 | Complete |
|  | 1. Guyana Lands & Surveys Commission Act; and | 1. Copy of the Act on Land Surveyors Profession assented by the President. | GLSC | May 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of Bill submitted by Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment to the National Assembly on Land Surveyors Act. | GLSC | March 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of drafted and revised Land Surveyors Regulations. | GLSC | June 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Protected Areas Act. | 1. Copy of the Protected Areas Trust Fund Regulations issued by the Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment published in the Official Gazette. | PAC | February 2014 | Complete |
| 5 | That draft amendments to guidelines in the forestry sector are prepared, in particular a code of practice for small and large operators. | 1. Copy of Forest Manual/Code of Practice for State Forest Permission (guidelines for small operators) approved by the Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) Board of Directors and made available on GFC website. | GFC | April 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of Forest Manual/Code of Practice for Timber Sale Agreement (TSA) and Wood Cutting Lease (WCL) Holders (guidelines for large operators), approved by the GFC Board of Directors and made available on GFC website. | GFC | April 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of progress report on the Implementation Plan for Codes of Practice approved by the GFC Board of Directors and made available on GFC website. | GFC | November 2014 | Pending |
| 6 | That the second definition of the legality of the agreement within the context of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement is approved. | 1. Approval of revised version of the Definition of Legality by the E.U. Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (EU FLEGT). | GFC | April 2014 | Complete |
| 7 | That a draft Opt In Mechanism Strategy is prepared for review by the relevant stakeholders. | 1. Copy of the Draft Opt-In Mechanism Strategy prepared by OCC providing general terms under which Amerindian Communities are involved in a REDD+ Mechanism. | OCC | October 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of the Letter of Submission of the Draft Opt-In Mechanism Strategy prepared by OCC to the MSSC. | OCC | October 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of the Letter of Submission of the Draft Opt-In Mechanism Strategy prepared by OCC to the TNC (Toshaos National Council). | OCC | October 2014 | Complete |
| 8 | That the National Land Use Plan is approved and a public awareness mechanism is adopted and regional plans are developed stemming from the recommendations of the Plan. |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Copy of the National Land Use Plan approved by Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission, and associated public awareness activity booklet. .. | GLSC | February 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of 3 Regional Plans approved by the Lands and Surveys Commission Board of Directors, containing the key guidelines for land use in the respective region. | GLSC | September 2014 | Complete |
| 9 | That the MNRE’s institutional structure is strengthened and enhanced according to the MNRE Strategic Plan; particularly, that the MNRE: |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Has developed a M&E Framework to complement the MNRE’s Strategic Plan while appropriately staffed to carry out its mandate; | 1. Copy of Inception Report on the Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Framework issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 1. Copy of contracts withTechnical Officers: Climate Change, M&E and Legal Advisor approved by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 1. Has strengthened the Land Use Planning and Coordination to ensure effective planning, management and monitoring of natural resources; and | 1. Copy of the contracts with the coordinator of the newly established GIS Unit approved by Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment. | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 1. Copy of drafted Geographic Information System (GIS) Policy, issued by Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment to improve coordination among the Natural Resources agencies. | MNRE | April 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of a GIS report identifying critical risk areas affecting interagency coordination with regard to claims on land permitting, including mining permits and forestry concessions. | MNRE | November 2014 | Complete |
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| 1. Has strengthened the Land Reclamation Committee through institutional and procedural mechanism | 1. Copy of contract with Land Reclamation Coordinator to integrate the Land Reclamation Committee. | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 1. Copy of approved Action Plan and M&E framework for the Land Reclamation Committee, issued by the Land Reclamation Committee. | MNRE | July 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of draft contract for the reclamation of a gold mining site as recommended in the MRVS report and selected by the Land Reclamation Committee to ameliorate impacts of deforestation and forest degradation | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 10 | That MNRE has sufficient capacity to adequately apply environmental regulations, in particular in the mining sector for improved gold recovery and mercury abatement. | 1. Copy of the Mercury Distribution Project Document, establishing assessment on the amount of mercury in the country /regions where it has been distributed, issued by Guyana Geology and Mines Commission (GGMC) for inclusion in the National Action Plan required by the Minamata Convention on Mercury. | GGMC | April 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of the instrument of Ratification to the Minamata Convention on Mercury issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and deposited at the United Nations. | MNRE | September 2014 | Complete |
| 11 | That the MNRE creates an instrument to harmonize the relations between the ministry and Indigenous groups and agencies. | 1. Copy of contract with Indigenous Relations Specialist that will integrate the MNRE and be in charge of working with indigenous communities and MNRE to harmonize the relations among them. | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 1. Copy of report issued by MNRE containing a list of indigenous issues & outcomes by regions, and presented by the Ministry at the Annual National Toshao Conference. | MNRE | October 2014 | Complete |
| 12 | That the training programs promoting best practices in the mining sector are identified and delivered, while sustainable forest management practices continue to be implemented within the forestry sector through community training programs. | 1. Copy of drafted Mining School and Training Center curriculum to be approved by the Board of the Mining School. | GGMC | January 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of report issued by the Board of the Mining School on mining school training program and a list of participants. | GGMC | July 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of report issued by the GFC on Forestry Training Program and a list of participants. | GFC | June 2014 | Complete |
| 13 | Completion of an Inception Report of the scoping study and implementation of recommendations to face challenges and opportunities for the implementation of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI). |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Copy of completed Inception Report issued by MNRE, containing a work plan for the preparation of the scoping study. | MNRE | November 2014 | Pending |
| 14 | That new technologies and recognized best practices are adopted to improve the technical and enforcement capacity of the agencies in charge of environmental governance for mining. | 1. Approval of the Mercury Free Mining Development Fund by means of letter from the MNRE | GGMC/EPA | April 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of tendering request invitation letters from MNRE to private banks to manage Mercury Free Mining Development Fund. | MNRE | January 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of invitation letter from MNRE to organizations to form a working group to take forward the Minamata Convention on Mercury. | MNRE | January 2013 | Complete |
| 15 | That a National Log Tracking System is implemented | 1. Minutes of GFC Board meeting approving the Manual for implementation of Log Tracking System. | GFC | March 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Copy of Report on the implementation of the National Log Tracking System issued by GFC. | GFC | March 2014 | Complete |
| 16 | That an integrated access system for planning, mapping, management and monitoring of forest cover data is formalized between all agencies and coordinated by the MNRE. | 1. Link and copy of report detailing that Geonode Server is operational and available online. | MNRE | December 2013 | Complete |
| 17 | That the following reports from the MRVS are completed: |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Report on Forest Carbon Emissions and Removals following IPCC Guidance | 1. Hard copy of report on Forest Carbon Emissions and Removals following Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Guidance issued by GFC. | GFC | June 2014 | Complete |
| 1. Report on Forest Degradation integrated within MRVS Interim Measures Reporting. | 1. Hard copy of Report issued by GFC on Forest Degradation as integrated within the MRVS Interim Measures Report Year 3. | GFC | June 2014 | Complete |