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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL
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Pursuant to section 20.3 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, Revised Statutes of Ontario (R.S.O.) 1990, c. E. 19 and subject to all other applicable Acts or regulations this Environmental Compliance Approval is issued to:

EVERGUARD COATINGS (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED

7071 OAKWOOD DRIVE
NIAGARA FALLS ONTARIO
L2G 0J3

For the following site:

7071 Oakwood Drive
Niagara Falls

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (*Environmental Protection Act*) for approval of:

a liquid coating manufacturing facility consisting of,

- one (1) range hood serving a testing laboratory, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.007 cubic metre per second, through a wall vent having an exit diameter of 0.1 metre, extending 1.52 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving a testing laboratory, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.045 cubic metre per second, through a wall vent having an exit diameter of 0.2 metre, extending 3.05 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the weighing area, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.045 cubic metre per second, through a wall vent having an exit diameter of 0.2 metre, extending 3.05 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the dry blending room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 1.56 cubic metres per second, through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.41

metre, extending 6.1 metres above grade;

- one (1) ventilator serving the solvent room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.778 cubic metre per second, through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.1 metre, extending 6.1 metres above grade;
- two (2) passive exhausts serving the solvent room, each discharging to the air through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.5 metre, extending 7.01 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the wet blending room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.447 cubic metre per second, through a wall vent having an exit diameter of 0.53 metre, extending 4.57 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the wet mixing room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 1.03 cubic metres per second, through a wall vent having an exit diameter of 0.46 metre, extending 1.83 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the wet blending room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.101 cubic metre per second, through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.50 metre, extending 6.1 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the wet mixing, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.899 cubic metre per second, through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.65 metre, extending 6.1 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the wet mixing room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.241 cubic metre per second, through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.30 metre, extending 6.1 metres above grade;
- one (1) exhaust serving the wet mixing room, discharging to the air at a volumetric flowrate of 0.839 cubic metre per second, through a stack having an exit diameter of 0.30 metre, extending 6.1 metres above grade;

all in accordance with the Environmental Compliance Approval Application submitted by EVERGUARD COATINGS (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED, dated January 12, 2024 and signed by Cam Vatandoust on behalf of the Company; and all supporting information including the Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report submitted by GPM Environmental, dated September 25, 2023 and signed by Cam Vatandoust; and the Secondary Noise Screening Method prepared by GPM Environmental, dated January 8, 2024 and signed by Cam Vatandoust.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. "Approval" means this Environmental Compliance Approval, including the application and

supporting documentation listed above;

2. "Company" means EVERGUARD COATINGS (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED operating as Niagara Protective Coatings that is responsible for the operation of the Facility and includes any successors and assigns in accordance with section 19 of the EPA;
3. "Director" means a person appointed for the purpose of section 20.3 of the EPA by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA;
4. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry, where the Facility is geographically located;
5. "EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19;
6. "Equipment" means the equipment and processes described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation submitted with the application, to the extent approved by this Approval;
7. "Facility" means the entire operation located on the property where the Equipment is located;
8. "Manual" means a document or a set of documents that provide written instructions to staff of the Company;
9. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
10. "Publication NPC-300" means the Ministry Publication NPC-300, “Environmental Noise Guideline, Stationary and Transportation Sources – Approval and Planning, Publication NPC-300”, August 2013, as amended; and
11. “Secondary Noise Screening Method” means the Ministry Secondary Noise Screening Method form as described in the “Secondary Noise Screening Method Guide”, January 31, 2017, as amended.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

1. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
    1. The Company shall ensure that the Equipment is properly operated and maintained at all times. The Company shall:
        a. prepare, not later than three (3) months after the date of this Approval, and update, as necessary, a Manual outlining the operating procedures and a maintenance program for the Equipment, including:

i. routine operating and maintenance procedures in accordance with good engineering practices and as recommended by the Equipment suppliers;

ii. emergency procedures, including spill clean-up procedures;

iii. procedures for any record keeping activities relating to operation and maintenance of the Equipment;

iv. all appropriate measures to minimize noise and odorous emissions from all potential sources; and

v. procedures to record and respond to environmental complaints.

b. implement the recommendations of the Manual.

2. The on-site residence shall only be occupied by the owner of the Company while the Facility is in operation.

2. RECORD RETENTION

1. The Company shall retain, for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the recording activities required by this Approval, and make these records available for review by staff of the Ministry upon request. The Company shall retain:

a. all records on the maintenance, repair and inspection of the Equipment; and

b. all records of any environmental complaints, including:

i. a description, time and date of each incident to which the complaint relates;

ii. wind direction at the time of the incident to which the complaint relates; and

iii. a description of the measures taken to address the cause of the incident to which the complaint relates and to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

3. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS

1. The Company shall notify the District Manager, in writing, of each environmental complaint within two (2) business days of the complaint. The notification shall include:

a. a description of the nature of the complaint; and

b. the time and date of the incident to which the complaint relates.

4. NOISE
    1. The Company shall, at all times, ensure that the noise emissions from the Facility comply with the limits set out in Ministry Publication NPC-300.
    2. The Company shall restrict the operation of the Facility to the daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
5. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
    1. The Company shall notify the Director in writing, and forward a copy of the notification to the District Manager, within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of any of the following changes to the Facility operations:
        a. the ownership of the Facility;
        b. the operator of the Facility;
        c. the address of the Company;
        d. the partners, where the Company is or any time becomes a partnership and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17, shall be included in the notification; or
        e. the name of the corporation where the Company is or at any time becomes a corporation, other than a municipal corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act*, R.S.O. 19

REASONS

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition No. 1 is included to emphasize that the Equipment must be maintained and operated according to a procedure that will result in compliance with the EPA, the Regulations and this Approval.
2. Condition No. 2 is included to require the Company to keep records and to provide information to staff of the Ministry so that compliance with the EPA, the Regulations and this Approval can be verified.
3. Condition No. 3 is included to require the Company to notify staff of the Ministry so as to assist the Ministry with the review of the site's compliance.
4. Condition No. 4 is included to provide the minimum performance requirements considered necessary to prevent an adverse effect resulting from the operation of the Facility.
5. Condition No. 5 is included to require the Company to notify/report to the Ministry so that

compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval can be verified.

APPEAL PROVISIONS

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me and the Ontario Land Tribunal, within 15 days after the service of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. You must also provide notice to, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993 who will place notice of your appeal on the Environmental Registry. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Notice") shall state:

1. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
2. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

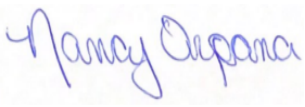
Registrar* Ontario Land Tribunal 655 Bay Street, Suite 1500 Toronto, Ontario M5G 1E5 OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca	and	The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3	and	The Director appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act* Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5

*** Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or Ontario Land Tribunal's**

This instrument is subject to Section 38 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, that allows residents of Ontario to seek leave to appeal the decision on this instrument. Residents of Ontario may seek leave to appeal within 15 days from the date this decision is placed on the Environmental Registry. By accessing the Environmental Registry at Environmental Registry of Ontario, you can determine when the leave to appeal period ends.

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

Dated at Toronto this 9th day of July, 2026



Nancy Orpana

Director

appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*

c: DEAN KARACHI, EVERGUARD COATINGS (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED
Ca Vatandou, GPM Environmental