

URBANIZATION/SUB-DIVISION/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Environmental Checklist

(As part of the exercise to determine the need or not for an Environmental Impact Assessment in Belize)

PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST

The Department of the Environment requests all public and private agencies, corporations and individuals to consider the environmental impacts of a proposed project before making decisions. In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, an environmental impact assessment (EIA) must be prepared for all project proposals with potential adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to assist the proponent and the Government of Belize, identify impacts of a proposal and to take adequate and practical measures to mitigate any adverse environmental effect that may result from the proposal. This checklist will also help the Department of the Environment decide whether an E.I.A. is required for said proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. The Department of the Environment will use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIA. Please answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If a question does not apply to your proposal, write "**DOES NOT APPLY**".

Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later. Some questions ask about governmental regulations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you. The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The Department of the Environment, to which you must submit this checklist, may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Before you fill out this form, please ensure you have read and understand the environmental regulations of Belize (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, SI 107/1995 as amended in March 2007-SI 24 of 2007). All information should be typed clearly.

File Number: _____

Existing Development	Yes/No
Extension to existing Development	Yes/No
New Development	Yes/No

Types of Construction:
Ferro Concrete:
Lumber and Zinc Roof:
Palapas:
Residential Subdivision:
Subdivision and Housing:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE PROJECT

(A) Project Title:

(B) Purpose and brief description for the project:

List all elements of the project and off site ancillary developments to be included in this application (e.g.: buildings, plants, roads, pipelines, wells, camps, etc.)

(C) Name of the owner and/or Company:

- (I) Address:
- (II) Name of the Contact Person:
- (III) Telephone:
- (IV) FAX Number:
- (V) Email:
- (VI) Web page:
- (VII) Commercial or industrial registration Number:
- (VIII) Previous Applications or Work in following:

(D) List all other Environmental Permits or Licenses held by you for the same location and/or related operations.

(E) Location

Attach a copy of Land Tenure Documents (these may include Land Titles or Lease Agreement or Registered Purchasing Agreement, with Official Survey Plans), maps, layout plans/subdivision designs, location plans, diagrams, photographs, and GPS coordinated (if available):

- (I) Reasons for selecting this particular location:
- (II) Other locations considered:
- (III) Distance to the nearest residential area and public roads:
- (IV) Distance from needed services (if applicable) e.g. schools, health care facilities, etc:
- (V) Distance from any nearby protected areas or marine reserves (if applicable):

(F) Area of land required for the project and existing land uses

(Farmland, residential, industrial, recreational, etc):

- (I) Area required during construction:
- (II) Area required during operation:
- (III) Area reserved for future development:
- (IV) Area required for ancillary development, housing and recreation:
- (V) Area required for new roads and amenities:

(G) Project schedule:

- (I) Estimated date of the beginning and end of construction:
- (II) Estimated date for the beginning of operation:
- (III) Estimated date of the end of the project or decommissioning:
- (IV) Other significant dates:

(H) Number of people utilizing the site:

	Skilled	Unskilled	Total
(I) During construction:			
(II) During operation:			
(III) Foreigners:			
(IV) Nationals:			

(I) Types and Number of Equipment to be used:

- (I) On-site:
- (II) Off-site:

2. PROJECT DETAILS

(A) Area/size, construction method and appearance of buildings and installations:

Architectural Design and/or Site Plan:

Number of Buildings:

Geo-physical Information (e.g. hills, wetlands, etc.):

Access and Internal Roads Design:

Describe landscaping (if applicable):

Describe open spaces/common areas:

(B) Approximate location of:

- (I) Construction camps:
- (II) Temporary access roads:
- (III) Material storage sites:
- (IV) Utility Areas:
(Please attach maps)

(C) Describe project's infrastructure and utilities requirements. Indicate whether they exist or need to be developed:

- (I) Water:
- (II) Electricity:
- (III) Fuels: (Types/Quantities):
- (IV) Roads, airports, etc.:

(D) Describe associated projects and off site developments which are NOT INCLUDED in this application:

(Roads, power plants, desalination plants, wastewater treatment plants, crushers, borrow pits, quarries, housing and recreational facilities, etc.)

(E) Periods of operation:

(Seasonal, shifts, business hours, Phases)

(F) Raw materials, chemicals, fuels:

(Scientific and commercial names, types, quantities, chemical composition, sources of raw materials or energy consumed and attach Material Safety Data Sheets)

(G) Describe methods of transportation, handling and storage of raw materials, chemicals, fuel:

3. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

(This includes direct, indirect, secondary, cumulative, short, medium, and long-term, permanent and temporary impacts of the project)

(A) Expected impacts on people, building and man-made structures:

(B) Expected impacts on plants, animals:

- Loss or damage to habitats of trees, and other plants, and animal species including marine
- Endangered species

(C) Expected impacts on land:

(Topography, soil or beach erosion, land use, natural drainage, etc)

(D) Solid non hazardous waste/hazardous waste

(During construction and operation phase)

- (I) Source and nature:
- (II) Quantities:
- (III) Methods of treatment/control:
- (IV) Final disposal site/method:

(E) Expected impacts on water:

(Impacts on surface, underground/aquifer, coastal waters and estuarine hydrology, impacts of pollutants on water quality, surface water collection, aesthetics)

(F) Wastewater, drainage and surface runoff (during construction and operation phase):

- (I) Source and Nature:
- (II) Volumes:
- (III) Methods of treatment/control:
- (IV) Final disposal site/method:

(G) Expected impacts on air quality

(Emissions from existing and future sources of air pollution during the construction and operation phases)

- (I) Sources and nature of air emissions:
- (II) Quantities:
- (III) Methods of treatment/control:
- (IV) Final discharge (indicate the proposed physical stack height and location):
- (V) Monitoring/modeling of air emissions:

(H) Identify and quantify noise and vibration sources

- (I) Public environment (outdoors):
- (II) Working environment (indoors):

(J) Other Impacts

Provide information on any other impacts specific to this development:

Relocation of people:

Health Issues:

Social Issues:

General Environmental Issues:

4. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

EIA Aspects	Questions of Verification	Yes	No	Additional Information required
Sources of Impact	1. Does it require significant land acquisition or conversion (rural > 12 acres)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Is it located in a place that would benefit the settlers (e.g. hillsides, soil type, rain patterns, local climate, access to markets, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Does it result in significant amounts of eroded materials, effluent or domestic waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. During the design stage, was the capacity of the water sources and treatment systems calculated not to exceed or to accommodate the sewage, waste treatment and elimination systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Does it require housing services to support labor force during construction? (e.g. >100 workers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6. Does it require the construction and operation of infrastructure (e.g. water sources, waste treatment and elimination infrastructure, energy provision, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impact Receptors	7. Does it require the relocation or compensation of local settlers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8. Does it consist of conversion of lands that support conservation of ecosystems, valued flora and fauna (e.g. forests, protected areas, critical habitats, endangered species, Recreational (parks, play areas or green areas), or areas of cultural and historical importance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9. Is it located in areas that actually support a significant part of the population (the significance depends on the capacity of the land, the distance of the relocated with respect to the host population)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10. Does it enter into conflict with land use, water extraction, use of water bodies, use of energy sources, local salaries of existing labor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	11. Once in operation, does it enter into conflict with existing water extraction of the region (e.g. by other communities and agriculture)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	12. Does it introduce a culture that is incompatible for the existing population?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Impacts	13. Does it cause people to change the means by which they sustain their lifestyles (the significance depends on the socioeconomic scale and type of impact, e.g. inertia towards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	change, lopsided benefits)?			
	14. Does it lead to an unequal provision of facilities and services in favor of the new settlers with respect to the host population?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	15. Does it attract unplanned settlers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	16. Does it lead to social conflict between the new settlers and the host population?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	17. During construction, does it present a significant danger of contamination for the workers and local communities (e.g. dust, chimneys, accidents with dangerous materials)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	18. Does it significantly affect, negatively or positively, the value of land around the site (e.g. >10% or requires the provision of an economic compensation)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	19. Once in operation, does it present any risk of contamination of sources of drinking water, or significantly reduces the river's waste absorption capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mitigation Measures	20. Does it ensure that the compensation includes a long-term provision of security for the settlers, including the needs of an expanding population?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	21. Does it require competent health and security personnel with a separate minimum budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	22. Could it require mitigation measures that could result in the project being socially and economically unacceptable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments				

Source: Directorio General para la Comisión de Desarrollo de las Comunidades Europeas, 1993

5. DESCRIBE MITIGATION MEASURES AND MONITORING PROGRAMS

(Measures which have been incorporated into the project to reduce environmental impacts during all phases of the project)

List the attachments and supporting documents:

Additional Information (if required attached additional pages):

6. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND TRUE.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

Printed Name: -----

Official Position: -----

DATE: -----

STAMP or SEAL:

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AUTHORIZED OFFICER: -----

Printed Name: -----

Official Position: -----

DATE: -----

STAMP or SEAL:

7. DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Department of the Environment)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- It is determined that the proposed project MAY NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT on the environment and a **LETTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE can be granted.**
- It is determined that the proposed project MAY HAVE SOME IMPACTS on the environment but which can be mitigated for easily, and hence an ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN (ECP) can be developed and signed before Letter of **ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE can be granted.**
- It is determined that the proposed project MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS on the environment and that it qualifies under the **types of projects not to be entertained by DOE.**
- It is determined that the proposed project COULD HAVE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS and falls under Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations, hence a **LIMITED LEVEL STUDY is required.**
- It is determined that the proposed project MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS on the environment and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT is required.**

Signature: -----

Printed Name: -----

Official Position: -----

Date: -----

DOE Stamp: