

**Action Points from Monday, September 26, 2016 ESIA Committee Meeting
On the EPA FEE REGIME**

1. Renewal fee for any permit shall be ten percent (10%) less the original fee;
2. The maximum duration for any permit shall be three (3) years; (Mr. Voker to circulate ESIA (EIA) Regulation);
3. Permit Duration shall be determine by Sector (ESIA Unit to provide various sectors to allow committee make decision on duration by Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

(See Draft Fee Regime below)

REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY
(EPA)
SINKOR 4TH STREET, MONROVIA LIBERIA

REGULATORY INSTRUMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (ESIA)
FEEES REGULATIONS
(ESIA FEES REGIME)

REGULATORY INSTRUMENT No. **ESIA 001-10/15**

REGULATORY INSTRUMENT

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY, 2003

Short title:

THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMEN,
PERMIT/LICENSE, 2015) REGULATIONS, 2015

In exercise of the powers and authorities conferred upon the National Environment Policy Council, Republic of Liberia, by Section 29.1 of the Environmental Protection and management Law, 2003, the Council hereby approves the following Regulations:-

Application for License/Permit:

1. Any project proponent who plans to undertake or cause to be undertaken any of the projects as set out in Annex I (Section 6) of the Environmental Protection and Management Law, 2003; in fulfillment of the requirements Section 37 of the Environment Protection Agency Act, 2003, shall apply to the Agency for a License and or Permit.
2. The application shall be in the form as set out in schedule I of these Regulations.
3. The application shall be accompanied by a concise description of the project or activities to be undertaken, which description shall include all information set out in Schedule I and any additional requirements as may be deemed necessary for the processing of the license and or permit applied for.

Issuance of License/Permit:

Upon review of an application and its accompanied requirements, the Agency shall make a decision (approve, conditionally approve or deny) on the issuance of a license and or permit in the form and

manners as set out in Section 21 of the Environmental Protection and Management Law, 2003.

Fees for License/Permit:

1. For the processing and monitoring of a license and or permit, as provided for under Section 29 of the Environmental Protection and Management Law, 2003, the Agency shall charge the fees as set out in Schedule II below.
2. For the processing and monitoring of a project, fees charged for issuance of a permit shall be on the basis of Environmental Impact and Monitoring Cost Analysis (EIMCA) which shall take into account the following factors including but not limited to:
 - a. The nature of the project activities;
 - b. The level of environmental pollution;
 - c. The proximity of the project to human settlement;
 - d. The potential impacts of the project on the environment;
 - e. The potential impacts on the socio-economic life of the project affected community(PAC).
 - f. The total amount of land area the project is expected cover;
 - g. The total capital outlay of the project.

Monitoring:

1. The Agency shall monitor all activities of project proponent to ensure that all permitting terms and conditions and other adverse impacts incidental to the operations of the project comply with the requirements of the EPA Act.
2. For the purpose of ensuring full compliance with requirements of the Act, monitoring of any and all project activities shall take into considerations factors including but not limited to:
 - a. The intensity of the potential impacts of the project on the environment;
 - b. The intensity of the potential impacts of the project on the socio-economic life of the Project Affected Community (PAC);
 - c. The complexity of the nature of the project;
 - d. The complexity of the project site;
 - e. The potential size of the amount of land the project is to occupy;
 - f. Other potential adverse impacts of the project that are undetectable at the time of processing the permit.

Schedule I

- a. Name, address, phone number and email address of project proponent;
- b. Nature of the project;
- c. Design of the project;
- d. Location of the project (County, District and Community)
- e. Activities to be undertaken;
- f. Proposed time frame of the project;
- g. Total estimated capital expenditures;
- h. Number of people expected to be employed by the project.

SCHEDULE II

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY OF LIBERIA

LICENCE/PERMIT TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT

This is to certify that (name of company), (address of company) has been authorized to undertake (name and brief description of project) for which license/permit is issued.

This permit shall be subject to the following conditions (state conditions to which the permit is issued).

The license/permit shall expire on (state the date of expiration of license/permit)

Issued this _____ day _____, 2015

Signed

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Schedule III

ESIA Fees Schedule – 40% PROCESSING FEE; 60% PERMITTING FEE

INDUSTRY	SECTOR	CLASS/ CATEGORY	APPLICATION FEE (\$US)	PROCESSI NG FEE (\$US)	PERMITTING FEE (\$US)	TOTAL	
INFRASTRUCTURE	All	A	Railway Construction:				
			Above 151 Km	\$25.00	\$20,400.00	\$30,600.00	\$51,025
			51-150 Km	\$25.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,025
			1-50 km	\$25.00	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$15,025
			Railway Refurbishment:				
			Above 151 Km	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
			51-150 Km	\$25.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,025
			1-50 km	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
			Airstrips Construction:				
			Above 5 Km	\$25.00	\$20,400.00	\$30,600.00	\$51,025
			1-5 Km	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
			Airstrips Refurbishment:				
			Above 15Km	\$25.00	\$12,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$30,025
			6-15 Km	\$25.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,025
			Sea Ports	\$25.00	\$8,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,025
			Hydro Dams:				
			Above 30 MW	\$25.00	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$15,025
			10-30 MW	\$25.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$8,025
			1-10 MW	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
			Below 1 MW	\$25.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,025

		Large Irrigation Dams/Canalization	\$25.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,025
Roads:						
		Above 15 Miles	\$25.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$8,025
		5-15 miles	\$25.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,025
		1-5 miles	\$25.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,025
B. Housing Estate:						
		50 Units & above	\$25.00	\$4000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,025
		25 Units - 49 Units	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
		2 Units - 24 Units	\$25.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,025
C. Building Construction						
		Total floor space of 500 square meter or more	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525
D. Construction & operation						
		Shopping centers, complexes, Hotels and other Tourist Facilities	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
E. Construction & operation						
		Waste water Treatment Plant	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
		F. Discharge Permit(Parameters to be set)	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
		G. Construction & operation of municipal landfill	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025

		H. Construction of Diversion of water courses	\$25.00			\$5,025
		I. Construction & operation of (drinking) Water Treatment Plant				
		Above 1000 gallons	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
		1-1000 gallons	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525
		J. Construction of composting plant	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525
INDUSTRY	SECTOR	CLASS/ CATEGORY	APPLICATION FEE (\$US)	PROCESSING FEE (\$US)	PERMITTING FEE (\$US)	TOTAL
FORESTY	Logging	FMC-Large (60,000 hec. and above)	\$25.00	\$17,800.00	\$23,948.00	\$41,773
		FMC-Medium (31,000 – 50,999 hec.)	\$25.00	\$14,240.00	\$20,386.00	\$34,651
		FMC-Small (25,000 – 30,999 hectares)	\$25.00	\$5,340.00	\$7,184.52	\$12,549.52
		TSC (1-5000 hec.)	\$25.00	4386.00	8,000.00	\$12,411
		Community Forest (5,000-49,999 hec)	\$25.00	4,450.00	5,987.00	\$10,462
		Private Use Permit (PUP) /Plantation Management Contract (PMC)	\$25.00	Fees shall be based on the number of hectares		
	Saw-milling	Large (Veneer/ plywood & value added)	\$25.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,025
		Medium (Value added facilities)	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,025
		Small	\$25.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,025

	Wood Workshop	All	\$25.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$325	
INDUSTRY	SECTOR	CLASS/ CATEGORY	APPLICATION FEE (\$US)	PROCESSING FEE (\$US)	PERMITTING FEE (\$US)	TOTAL	
INDUSTRIAL	Cold Storage	Large	\$25.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,025	
		Medium	\$25.00	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$1,525	
		Small	\$25.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,025	
	Beverages <i>Categorized into alcoholic and non alcoholic</i>	Large Scale Alcoholic Plant	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025	
		Medium Scale Alcoholic Plant	\$25.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,025	
		Large scale Non alcoholic Plant	\$25.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	2,525	
		Medium scale Non alcoholic Plant	\$25.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$1,525	
	Rubber Processing	Large	\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025	
		Medium	\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025	
	Food Processing	Large	\$25.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$1,525	
		Medium	\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025	
		Small	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525	
	Paint	All	\$25.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$8,025	
	Plastics	All	\$25.00	\$800.00	1,200.00	\$2,025	
	Cement processing	All	\$25.00	\$4,400.00	\$6,600.00	\$11,025	
	INDUSTRY	SECTOR	CLASS/ CATEGORY	APPLICATION FEE	PROCESSING FEE	PERMITTING FEE	TOTAL
	AGRICULTURE	Cash Crops: <i>Rubber, cocoa,</i>	Large (501 hectares and above)	\$25.00	\$5,200.00	\$7,800.00	\$13,025
Medium			\$25.00		\$4,800.00	\$8,025	

	<i>coffee, oil palm, etc...</i>	(101– 500 hectares)		\$3,200.00		
		Small (51 – 100 hectares)	\$25.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,025
	Food Crops: <i>Rice, corn, pineapple banana, groundnuts, etc...</i>	Large (501 hectares and above)	\$25.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$8, 025
		Medium (101 – 500 hectares)	\$25.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,025
		Small (50 – 100 hectares)	\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025.00
	Light Manufacturing	All	\$25.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$1,525
	Inland Fishery	Large	\$25.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$325
		Medium	\$25.00	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$225
		Small	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$125
	Livestock	Large	\$25.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$ 1,525
		Medium	\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$ 1,025
		Small	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$ 525
	Pest Control	Large(501 hectares and above)	\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
		Medium (101-500 hectares)	\$25.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,620.00	\$2,725
		Small holders (50-100 hectares)	\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025
INDUSTRY	SECTOR	CLASS/ CATEGORY	APPLICATION FEE	PROCESSING FEE	PERMITTING FEE	TOTAL
	Gas Station	All	\$25.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$8,025

	Oil Mining (Offshore & Inland) exploration	All	\$25.00	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	50,025
	Oil exploitation	All	\$25.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$75,025
	Oil Mining (Onshore exploration)	All	\$25.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,025
	Oil Mining (Onshore exploitation)	All	\$25.00	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$50,025
Minerals						
A. Iron Ore	Exploration		\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
	Exploitation		\$25.00	\$24,000.00	\$36,000.00	60,025
B. Gold	Class A Exploration		\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
	Class A Exploitation		\$25.00	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$50,025
	Class B Exploitation		\$25.00	\$12,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$30,025
	Class C (per Cooperative)		\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025
C. Other Minerals: Diamond	Class A		\$25.00			\$15,025
	Class B		\$25.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,025
	Class C		\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025
Seismic Survey	Mining		\$25.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,025
Rock Quarry	Large		\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
	Medium		\$25.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$1,525
Asphalt Plant			\$25.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,025
Sand Mining			\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
Garages	Large (facility & capacity)		\$25.00	\$240.00	\$360.00	\$625

		Medium		\$25.00	\$400.00	-	\$425
		Small		\$25.00	\$75.00	-	\$100
	Communi cation Tower	Radio Stations Tower (per tower)		\$25.00	\$75.00	-	\$100
		GSM Towers (per tower)		\$25.00	\$250.00	-	\$275
	Chemical Importati on & storage	Cyanide		\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
		Agro-Chemicals		\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525
		Explosives		\$25.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525
		Scanning Machine/Radioactiv e Equipment		\$25.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,025
		Importation of Radioactive materials		\$25.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,025
		Other chemicals		\$25.00	-	\$500.00	\$525
	Lab, Funeral Homes and Hospitals		\$25.00		\$200.00	\$300.00	\$525
	Accreditat ions	Waste Services Provider s	Hazardou s	\$25.00	-	\$800.00	\$825
			Non- Hazardou s	\$25.00	-	\$500.00	\$525
			Fumigati on and Janitorial Services	\$25.00	-	\$250.00	\$275
			Transpor tation of Hazardou s Materials	\$25.00	\$320.00	\$480	\$825
		International environmental consultants		\$25.00	-	\$7,000.00	\$7,025

Prepared this _____ day of _____, 2015

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10: _____ (it is my understanding that this will be signed by the board or policy council.)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

These comments do not form part of these regulations but are intended to explain the purport of the regulations.

Licenses/permits are granted by the Environment Protection Agency to enable a project proponent (whether an individual or a company) to undertake any project as set out in Schedule III.

Fees charged for the issuance of licenses/permits depend on the category in which the project fall in keeping with Schedule III. The fees are also derived base on the potential impacts of the project on biodiversity and the number of monitoring required to ensure that the project activities do not adversely impact the environment,