

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

NUMBER 0537-CQTQQE

Issue Date: September 18, 2023

Ventry Sawmill Inc.
146190 Southgate Road 14
Southgate, Ontario
N0C 1B0

Site Location: 146190 Southgate Road 14
Southgate Township, County of Grey
Ontario

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 sawmill facility having a maximum log throughput: 17.5 tonnes per day, consisting of the following equipment and emission sources:

- one (1) Log Debarker;
- one (1) Bandsaw;
- one (1) Edger;
- one (1) diesel generator used to supply the power of the sawmill plant, having a maximum power rating of 200 kilowatts;
- fugitive emissions resulting from the delivery, storage, and transfer of raw materials associated with the sawmill operations;

all in accordance with the application for an Environmental Compliance Approval (Air & Noise) submitted by Ventry Sawmill Inc., dated November 3, 2022, and signed by Benjamin Bauman, Owner; Emission Summary and Dispersion Modeling Report prepared by Andrew Lane-Smith, Adomait Environmental Solutions Inc., dated January 28, 2022; and all the information associated with the application.

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. "Best Management Practices Plan" means a document or a set of documents which describe measures to minimize dust emissions from the Facility and/or Equipment;
3. "Company" means Ventry Sawmill Inc. that is responsible for the construction or operation of the Facility and includes any successors and assigns in accordance with section 19 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;
11. "Technical Bulletin: Management Approaches for Industrial Fugitive Dust Sources" means the Ministry publication "Technical Bulletin: management approaches for industrial fugitive dust sources", March 8, 2017, as amended.

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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;
 - iii. procedures for any record keeping activities relating to operation and maintenance of the Equipment; and
 - iv. all appropriate measures to minimize noise and dust emissions from all potential sources.
- b. implement the recommendations of the Manual.

2. FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL

1. The Company shall develop in consultation with the District Manager, a Best Management Practices Plan for the control of fugitive dust emissions. This Best Management Practices Plan shall:
 - a. at minimum, be prepared in accordance with Ministry Technical Bulletin: Management Approaches for Industrial Fugitive Dust Sources; and
 - b. include a list of all Ministry comments received, if any, on the development of the Best Management Practices Plan, and a description of how each Ministry comment was addressed in the Best Management Practices Plan.
2. The Company shall implement the Best Management Practices Plan for the control of fugitive dust emissions to provide effective dust suppression measures to any potential sources of fugitive dust emissions resulting from the operation of the Facility.
3. The Company shall update the Best Management Practices Plan as necessary or at the direction of the District Manager.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. NOISE

1. The Company shall ensure all operations at the Facility are restricted to the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM (i.e., daytime hours as defined in Ministry Publication NPC-300).
2. 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.

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 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.
3. Condition No. 3 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.
4. Condition No. 4 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.
5. Condition No. 5 is included to provide the minimum performance requirements considered necessary to prevent an adverse effect resulting from the operation of the Facility.

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me, the Ontario Land Tribunal and in accordance with Section 47 of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*, 1993, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 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:

- a. 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;
- b. 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 www.olt.gov.on.ca**

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 <https://ero.ontario.ca/>, 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 18th day of September, 2023



Nancy E Orpana, P.Eng.
Director
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

JL/

c: District Manager, MECP Owen Sound
Andrew Lane-Smith, Adomait Environmental Solutions Inc.