

**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:*

MIANCO GROUP INC.

13838 WOODBINE AVENUE (AVE)  
STOUFFVILLE ONTARIO  
L4A 2G2

*For the following site:*

13838 WOODBINE Avenue (AVE) , STOUFFVILLE, WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ONTARIO,  
CANADA, L4A 2G2

*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:*

one (1) portable Wood Grinder, having a maximum production rate of 200 tonnes per hour, consisting of the following equipment and emission sources:

- one (1) portable CBI 6400 CT Horizontal Wood Grinder, having a maximum wood waste processing rate of 200 tonnes per hour, equipped with a diesel fired engine rated at 787 kilowatts;
- an excavator and a front-end loader;
- fugitive emissions resulting from the process, delivery, storage, and transfer of materials associated with the wood waste grinding operations;

all in accordance with the application for an Environmental Compliance Approval (Air and Noise) submitted by the Company, dated January 12, 2023, and signed by Adam Mian, President; Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling Report prepared by ORTECH Consulting Inc., dated January 12, 2023; the Acoustic Assessment Report prepared by LEA Consulting Limited, dated January 11, 2023 and signed by Daniel Adarve Villanueva, P. Eng.; the additional information provided by Adam Mian of Mianco Group Inc. on April 3, 2024 and April 18, 2024; and all the information associated with the application.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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

1. "Acoustic Assessment Report" means the report, prepared in accordance with Publication NPC-233 submitted in support of the application, that documents all sources of noise emissions and Noise Control Measures present at the Plant. "Acoustic Assessment Report" also means the Acoustic Assessment Report prepared by LEA Consulting Limited, dated January 11, 2023 and signed by Daniel Adarve Villanueva, P. Eng.;
2. Acoustic Barrier" means a barrier or berm positioned such that it completely interrupts the line of sight between the

Equipment and the noise sensitive Points of Reception continuous without holes, gaps and other penetrations, and having surface mass of at least 20 kilograms per square metre;

3. "Approval" means this Environmental Compliance Approval, including the application and all supporting documentation;
4. "Class 1 Area" means an area with an acoustical environment typical of a major population centre, where the background sound level is dominated by the activities of people, usually road traffic, often referred to as "urban hum";
5. "Class 2 Area" means an area with an acoustical environment that has qualities representative of both Class 1 and Class 3 areas:
  - a. sound levels characteristic of Class 1 Area during daytime (07:00 to 19:00 or to 23:00 hours); and
  - b. low evening and night background sound level defined by natural environment and infrequent human activity starting as early as 19:00 hours (19:00 or 23:00 to 07:00 hours);
6. "Class 3 Area" means a rural area with an acoustical environment that is dominated by natural sounds having little or no road traffic, such as:
  - a. a small community;
  - b. agricultural area;
  - c. a rural recreational area such as a cottage or a resort area; or
  - d. a wilderness area;
7. "Company" means Mianco Group Inc. , that is responsible for the construction or operation of the Plant and includes any successors and assigns;
8. "Director" means any Ministry employee appointed by the Minister pursuant to Section 5 of the EPA;
9. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry, at the geographic location where the Plant is operated;
10. "EPA" means the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
11. "Equipment" means the equipment described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation referred to herein, to the extent approved by this Approval;
12. "Manual" means a document or a set of documents that provide written instructions to staff of the Company;
13. "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;
14. "Noise Control Measures" means measures to reduce the noise emissions from the Plant and/or Equipment including, but not limited to, silencers, acoustic louvres, enclosures, absorptive treatment, plenums and barriers, described in the Company's application, this Approval and in the supporting documentation referred to herein, to the extent approved by this Approval;
15. "Plant" means the entire portable wood grinding plant, incorporating the Equipment;
16. "Point of Reception" means a Point of Reception as defined in Publication NPC-300;
17. "Publication NPC-233" means the Ministry Publication NPC-233, "Information to be Submitted for Approval of Stationary Sources of Sound", October, 1995, as amended;
18. "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."
19. "Sensitive Receptor" means any location where routine or normal activities occurring at reasonably expected times would experience adverse effect(s) from discharges from the Plant to the atmosphere, including one or a combination

of:

- a. private residences or public facilities where people sleep (e.g.: single and multi-unit dwellings, nursing homes, hospitals, trailer parks, camping grounds, etc.),
- b. institutional facilities (e.g.: schools, churches, community centres, day care centres, recreational centres, etc.),
- c. outdoor public recreational areas (e.g.: trailer parks, play grounds, picnic areas, etc.), and
- d. other outdoor public areas where there are continuous human activities (e.g.: commercial plazas and office buildings).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

### 1. Noise Emissions

1. The Company shall, at all times, ensure that the noise emissions from the Plant comply with the limits set out in Ministry Publication NPC-300.

### 2. Time Restrictions

1. The Company shall ensure that the Plant is not operated more than sixty (60) calendar days per year at any one site.
2. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is erected within seven (7) working days of start-up of the Equipment and until that time, the Plant operations shall be restricted to the daytime hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday.

### 3. Minimum Separation Distance(s) to the Nearest Point of Reception

1. The Company shall ensure a minimum separation distance is maintained between the Plant and the nearest Point of Reception as specified in Schedule 2.

### 4. Noise Control Measures

1. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is implemented at all times during the operation of the Plant.
2. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is constructed to a minimum height as specified in Schedule 2, is continuous without holes, gaps or other penetrations, has a surface mass density of at least 20 kilograms per square metre, and will be positioned in between the Plant and Points of Reception that require shielding as specified in Schedule 2.
3. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is positioned in between the Plant and the Points of Reception that require shielding, in such a way that the distance from the Acoustic Barrier to the Plant is not greater than that specified in Schedule 2.
4. The Company shall ensure that the Acoustic Barrier, when required, is properly maintained and continues to provide the acoustical performance outlined in the Acoustic Assessment Report.

### 5. Minimum Separation Distance to the Nearest Sensitive Receptor

1. The Company shall ensure a minimum separation distance of 390 metres between the boundary of the Plant and the nearest Sensitive Receptor.

### 6. Operation and Maintenance Manual

1. The Company shall ensure that the Plant/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 Plant/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 Plant/Equipment; and
  - iv. all appropriate measures to minimize noise and fugitive dust emissions from all potential sources;
- b. implement the recommendations of the Manual.

#### **7. Fugitive Dust Control**

1. The Company shall provide effective dust suppression for the Equipment and any other sources of fugitive dust emissions from the Equipment.

#### **8. Marking of Portable Plant**

1. The Company shall post a legible sign in a location which is accessible to the public, clearly identifying:
  - a. the Company name;
  - b. the number of this Approval;
  - c. a brief description of the nature of the operation;
  - d. a Company contact name and telephone number for the public to provide comments;
  - e. hours of operation; and
  - f. length of time the Company intends to operate the Plant at that location.

#### **9. Keeping a Valid Approval**

1. The Company shall ensure that a copy of this Approval, as well as any subsequent Amended Approvals or Notices that amend this Approval, are available for inspection by a Provincial Officer at each site where the Plant is operated.

#### **10. 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;
  - b. all records on the daily operation of the Plant/Equipment, including:
    - i. daily production rate;
    - ii. daily start-up and shut-down times of the Plant/Equipment;
  - c. all records of any upset conditions associated with the operation of the Plant/Equipment;
  - d. all records on the environmental complaints, including:
    - i. a description, time, date and location of each incident;

- ii. operating conditions (e.g. upset conditions, etc.) at the time of the incident;
- iii. wind direction and other weather conditions at the time of the incident;
- iv. the name(s) of Company personnel responsible for handling the incident;
- v. the cause of the incident;
- vi. the Company response to the incident; and
- vii. a description of the measures taken to address the cause of the incident and to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, and the outcome of the measures taken.

#### **11. Change of Owner**

1. The Company shall notify the Director and the District Manager, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:
  - a. change of owner or operating authority, or both;
  - b. change of address of owner or operating authority or address of new owner or operating authority;
  - c. change of partners where the owner is or at 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, as amended, shall be included in the notification;
  - d. change of name of the corporation where the owner is or at any time becomes a corporation, and a copy of the most current information filed under the Corporations Information Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.39, as amended, shall be included in the notification.
2. The Company shall notify any succeeding new owner, in writing, of the existence of this Approval, as well as any subsequent Amended Approvals or Notices that amend this Approval and, shall forward a copy of such a notice to the Director and the District Manager together with the notification required under paragraph 1 of this condition.

#### **12. Relocation**

1. The Company shall notify the District Manager, in writing, at least five (5) business days in advance of any intended location of the Plant at each operating site, by submitting a completed Form 1, outlined in Schedule A.

#### **13. 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;
  - b. the time, date and location of the incident;
  - c. the wind direction and other weather conditions at the time of the incident; and
  - d. the name(s) of the Company personnel responsible for handling the incident.

## **REASONS**

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

1. Conditions No. 1 to 9, inclusive, are included to provide the minimum performance requirements considered necessary to prevent an adverse effect resulting from the operation of the Plant/Equipment and to emphasize that the Plant/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. 10 is included to require the Company to keep records and to provide information to the Ministry so that compliance with the EPA, the regulations and this Approval can be verified.
3. Conditions No. 11 to 13 inclusive, are 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

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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:

- I. 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;
- II. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

The Notice should also include:

- I. The name of the appellant;
- II. The address of the appellant;
- III. The environmental compliance approval number;
- IV. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
- V. The name of the Director, and;
- VI. 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:

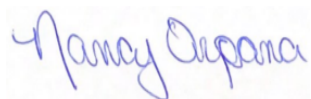
Registrar* Ontario Land Tribunal 655 Bay Street, Suite 1500 Toronto, Ontario M5G 1E5 <a href="mailto:OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca">OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca</a>	and	The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3	and	The Director appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
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**\* 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](http://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 [ero.ontario.ca](http://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 11th day of May, 2024



Nancy Orpana

Director

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

c: Adam Mian

The following schedules are a part of this environmental compliance approval:



# SCHEDULE 1

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## NOTICE OF RELOCATION FOR PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

1. Owner and/or Operator

- a. Company name:
- b. Contact person:
- c. Telephone number:

2. Proposed Location

- a. Municipality:
- b. Lot number:
- c. Concession number:

3. Operation

- a. Date of commencement and completion of operation: from     to
- b. Hours of operation: from     to
- c. Maximum processing rate (tonnes/hour):
- d. Description of Plant operating conditions including the operating scenario as defined in **Schedule A** of this Approval:

Please attach the following:

- 1. A copy of the Approval.
- 2. A plot plan or sketch of the proposed location showing the following:
  - a. the entire operating site;
  - b. distance between the Equipment and the nearest off-property Point of Reception;
  - c. distance between the Equipment and the nearest Sensitive Receptor; and
  - d. land use within 500 metres from the Equipment.

## SCHEDULE 2

### SCHEDULE 2

#### MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCE BETWEEN PLANT AND POINTS OF RECEPTION

Setback requirements for unmitigated operation

Point of Reception Location	Time of Plant Operation	Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Minimum Separation Distance (m)
Class 1 Area (Urban)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	50	1,010
Class 1 Area (Urban)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	50	1,010
Class 1 Area (Urban)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	45	1,500
Class 2 Area (Urban)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	50	1,010
Class 2 Area (Urban)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	45	1,500
Class 2 Area (Urban)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	45	1,500
Class 3 Area (Rural)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	45	1,500
Class 3 Area (Rural)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	40	2,150
Class 3 Area (Rural)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	40	2,150

Note: "m" means metre(s) measured from the Point of Reception to closest point of the Plant.

Setback requirements for operation with a 5 metre high Acoustic Barrier, at least 100m wide, extending at least 50 metres laterally to each side of the line(s) of sight from the Equipment to the Point(s) of Reception, and the top of the Acoustic Barrier is within 200 metres of the Equipment

Point of Reception Location	Time of Plant Operation	Sound Level Limit (dBA)	Minimum Separation Distance (m)
Class 1 Area (Urban)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	50	540
Class 1 Area (Urban)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	50	540
Class 1 Area (Urban)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	45	840
Class 2 Area (Urban)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	50	540
Class 2 Area (Urban)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	45	840
Class 2 Area (Urban)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	45	840
Class 3 Area (Rural)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	45	840
Class 3 Area (Rural)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	40	1,260
Class 3 Area (Rural)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	40	1,260

Note: "m" means metre(s) measured from the Point of Reception to closest point of the Plant.

Setback requirements for operation with an 8 metre high Acoustic Barrier, at least 24 m wide, extending at least 5 metres laterally to each side of the line(s) of sight from the Equipment to the Point(s) of Reception, and the top of the Acoustic Barrier is within 30 metres of the Equipment

<b>Point of Reception Location</b>	<b>Time of Plant Operation</b>	<b>Sound Level Limit (dBA)</b>	<b>Minimum Separation Distance (m)</b>
Class 1 Area (Urban)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	50	345
Class 1 Area (Urban)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	50	345
Class 1 Area (Urban)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	45	697
Class 2 Area (Urban)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	50	345
Class 2 Area (Urban)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	45	697
Class 2 Area (Urban)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	45	697
Class 3 Area (Rural)	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	45	697
Class 3 Area (Rural)	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	40	1,183
Class 3 Area (Rural)	11:00 PM - 7:00 AM	40	1,183

Note: "m" means metre(s) measured from the Point of Reception to closest point of the Plant.