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Public Notice **Renewal of State Forest Authorizations- Small Concessions (SFA-SC)** **for 2024/2026 period**

The GFC will commence receiving applications for renewal of SFA-SC from 1st **November 2023 – January 31 2024.**

Application forms will be available at each forest station and can also be downloaded from the GFC website: www.forestry.gov.gy

Applications must be accompanied by the following:

- a) Active/valid Business Registration (if registered as a business entity)
- b) TIN certificate
- c) Certificate of Incorporation (if registered as a company)
- d) Valid form of identification (ID or passport)
- e) List of equipment/machinery with individual serial and chassis numbers, proof of ownership/legal access to these equipment/machinery (receipts, agreement of sale, valid acceptable rental agreement registration etc.)
- f) List of employees along with their ID number.
- g) GRA compliances (for applicant)
- h) NIS compliances (for applicant)
- i) EPA Permit (or evidence that applicant has applied for same, including receipt showing that an application was made for same)

The following conditions apply

1. The deadline for receipt of renewal application is 31st January 2024
2. The application fee for renewal of each SFA-SC is G \$ 10,500 and must be paid in full at the time of submission of the application(s).
3. Renewal and Uplifting of the Concession Agreement must be done in person by the holder of the concession.
4. Concession holders are expected to be residing in Guyana.
5. All acreage fees, royalties and other fees due must be paid off on or before the date of application; applications will not be accepted from persons who have outstanding acreage fees/royalties and other outstanding fees for the GFC.
6. An updated production register for 2023 must be presented to the GFC for each SFA-SC. This must be provided in the GFC-approved format which can be obtained from the nearest Forest Station.

- 7. In addition, applicants are requested to submit to the GFC at the close of 2023, the volume and number of pieces of produce on the ground together with the tags used on this produce. All production for 2023 must be tagged and declared in 2023.
- 8. Applicants will be required to return all unused tags for the operational period at the close of business in 2023
- 9. Renewal is not automatic and the submission of an application and payment of application fees does not give permission for commencing any business operations or guarantee renewal.
- 10. Renewal of concessions will be guided by Production levels.
- 11. Applicants must agree in writing, to comply with GFC’s regulatory practices.
- 12. Areas for which renewal applications have not been received (**by January 31st 2024**) will be considered for reallocation.
- 13. Concessions that have shown a history of non-production (NIL Production) or low production (under 25% of allowable quota) will be subjected to further assessment and determination of productive utilization prior to the application being considered for renewal.

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Commissioner of Forest