

**THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE — 5TH MAY, 1973  
LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — B.**

GUYANA

No. 38 of 1973

**ORDER**

Made Under

**THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE 1962**

(No. 23 of 1962)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 34 OF THE PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE 1962, I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDER :—

1. This Order may be cited as the Guyana Forest Industries Corporation Order 1973, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed day” means the date referred to in clause 1;

“the Corporation” means the Guyana Forest Industries Corporation established under clause 3;

“forest industries” includes the production of the following forest products —

(a) timber, trees, charcoal and firewood;

(b) plants, including the parts and produce thereof, latex, resins, gums, soil and peat;

(c) such other things as the Minister assigned responsibility for forests may, by notice published in the Gazette, declare to be forest products for the purposes of this Order;

“timber” includes a tree or any ligneous part of a tree whether standing, fallen or felled, and all wood, whether or not sawn, split, hewn or otherwise cut up or fashioned and includes plywood and veneers;

“the undertaking” means the undertaking carried on under the name of the Central Timber Manufacturing Plant and Joinery Workshop and situate at Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana, and all buildings, equipment and appurtenances forming part thereof or used in connection therewith including the wharf situate on the right bank of the Demerara River at Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana,

the assets whereof are the property of the State immediately before the appointed day.

Establishment of Guyana Forest Industries Corporation. Functions of the Corporation.

3. There is hereby established a public corporation to be called the Guyana Forest Industries Corporation.

4. It shall be the function of the Corporation to promote the economic growth and development of the forest industries and to engage in the manufacture of forest products in Guyana.

Terms and conditions of employment of certain persons.

5.(1) Subject to the provisions of section 10 of the Ordinance and of this clause, the Corporation shall as from the appointed day continue to employ, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between the Corporation and him, any person exclusively employed with the undertaking immediately before the appointed day;

Provided that any such person who is continued in employment by the Corporation or who may be appointed by the Guyana State Corporation shall be employed on terms and conditions which taken as a whole are no less favourable than those applicable to him before the appointed day.

(2) The Corporation shall be the successor of the employer as last mentioned of any such person in the matter of his leave or superannuation rights or benefits (whether earned, accrued, inchoate or contingent).

(3) Service of the Corporation shall be other public service within the meaning of, and for the purposes of such provisions applicable in relation thereto as are contained in, the Pensions (Consolidation) Ordinance 1957, or of the Pensions Regulations, 1957.

(4) The provisions of subsection (1) of section 42 of the Ordinance shall not apply to the Corporation.

Transfer to the Corporation of the undertaking.

6.(1) The assets of the undertaking (including rights and interests) are hereby transferred to and shall, without further assurance, vest in the Corporation on the appointed day and where immovable property

has, by virtue of this clause, vested in the Corporation the Registrar of Deeds shall take due notice thereof and shall make such annotations on the records as may be necessary.

(2) Liabilities incurred by the Government exclusively for the purposes of the undertaking or incurred therefor under agreements duly contracted in the course of the undertaking, prior to the appointed day, shall in so far as they may be discharged or be enforceable, be discharged by, and be enforceable against, the Corporation as if the said liabilities had been incurred by the Corporation.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (1) or (2) of this clause shall apply to rights or liabilities under any contract of service.

(4) In order to give effect to the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) in relation to contractual rights and liabilities, all such contracts shall, as from the appointed day, be construed with all due modifications and adaptations.

(5) All proceedings commenced prior to the appointed day for the enforcement of any rights or liabilities which are transferred or attached to the Corporation by virtue of this Order may be continued by or against the Corporation, and any such proceedings may be amended accordingly.

Made this 27th day of April, 1973.

L. F. S. Burnham,  
Prime Minister.

#### *EXPLANATORY NOTE*

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order establishes the Guyana Forest Industries Corporation which will take over and carry on the functions of the Central Timber Manufacturing Plant and Joinery Workshop hitherto operated as part of the Forests Department of the Ministry of Mines and Forests.