

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

**FOR THE 64TH SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE FIRST
SESSION (1992-1995) OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA TO BE HELD**

AT 2.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1995

IN THE PARLIAMENT CHAMBER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GEORGETOWN

SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS FOR SITTING

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MOTION

OPERATIONS OF OMAI GOLD MINES LIMITED (OGML)

The Prime Minister to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the Government of Guyana is alarmed and deeply concerned over the inability of the OMAI Gold Mines Limited (OGML) to pursue its operations in an environmentally safe manner, evidenced by two major escapes of cyanide-laden effluent into the OMAI and Essequibo Rivers in recent months, the recent one being of massive proportions:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly places full responsibility for the massive leaks from the tailings pond into the OMAI and Essequibo Rivers on OMAI Gold Mines Ltd (OGML) and that the costs to rectify the situation be met by OGML;

That the proclamation by the President of Guyana that the affected areas be deemed an Environmental Disaster Zone be endorsed;

That a full scale mobilization of resources, local and international, be mounted to protect the human and natural environment;

That a Commission of Enquiry be established to determine the causes leading to the disaster and to make recommendations on preventative measures and modifications to be undertaken by OGML to minimize the exposure to the environment if unexpected, unforeseen events occur;

That gold mining operations at OGML re-commence only on a resolution by this National Assembly.

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23rd August, 1995