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Guyana could soon begin paper production

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China Paper and the Agriculture Ministry had extensive discussions ahead of the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on the generation of energy and the production of paper in the Intermediate Savannah.

On Wednesday, China Paper's officials met with Agriculture Minister, Dr Leslie Ramsammy at his Regent Street Office, where the discussions were held.

Speaking with *Guyana Times* shortly after the meeting, Minister Ramsammy said a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed, with another MoA pending. In the MoU, the parties have indicated that lands will be made available in the Intermediate Savannah.

"We have to agree on the first allotment of land and what biomass they will pursue," the Agriculture Minister said. According to Dr Ramsammy, the company also met with officials from the Natural Resources and Environment Ministry.

China Paper is a multimillion dollar state-owned Chinese company engaged in production, development and utilisation of forest pulp paper, among central enterprises. Cultural printing paper, coated white paper and special paper are among products produced by the company. China Paper will also be working along with NARI to establish an Environmental Management Plan while the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct a survey a process which is expected to take three months. Additionally, NARI and a representative from Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) will help the Chinese company to identify an appropriate plot of land to establish a nursery. The parties also met on Wednesday

But China Paper is not the only company that is showing interest in the production of bio-fuel in Guyana. He disclosed that the DY Patil of India is currently doing preparatory work on its 10,000 acres of land leased to it in the Canje Basin.

Additionally, Bornion Guyana Incorporated (BGI) also was leased 10,000 acres of land in the Canje Basin. The company has also commenced the harvesting of rubber plants at its nursery, along the Linden/Soesdyke Highway. Within the next two weeks, Bornion's technical personnel are expected in Guyana to advance its mega farm, however, at its Canje location, paving the way for the production of bio-fuel.

Bornion is a subsidiary of the Malaysian Wee Boon Ping Group of Companies. Using the allotted land, it is expected to invest US\$500 million in the production of bio-fuel. Both Bornion and Patil have already signed a MoU with the Government of Guyana through the Agriculture Ministry.

However, 14 other international investors are in consultation with the Ministry over the production of bio-fuel here, along with the harvesting of crops. (svetlana@guyanatimesgy.com)



Agriculture Minister, Dr Leslie Ramsammy shakes hands with China Paper executive Steven Jin following their meeting on Wednesday

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