

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE

Application for a *Permit* under the provisions of the *Environmental Management Act*

We, Sumas Gro-Media Ltd., intend to submit an application to the Director to authorize the discharge of effluent from an existing Growing Media (i.e. potting soil) facility to ground by soil infiltration. The source of discharge is stormwater and water via irrigation and misting system applied to sawdust/bark stockpiles for mulching that may also infiltrate to unpaved ground below the stockpiles. The land upon which the facility is situated, and where the discharge will occur, bears the following legal description: LOT 3 District Lot 278 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan EPP 130828, and is located at 42481 Industrial Way, Chilliwack, B.C. within the Chilliwack-Rosedale Aquifer in the Chilliwack Municipality. The facility operates between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The water to be applied to the mulch stockpiles is comprised of runoff captured at the facility that is stored in a clay lined retention pond. The discharge volume to ground is indeterminate, dependent upon volume of precipitation and volume of water applied in the mulch process, but is estimated to be less than 21,000m³ per year based on evapotranspiration modelling. No other effluents from the retention pond or stormwater collection system are discharged to any drainage features or surface water bodies.

The characteristics of the effluent are expected to be naturally occurring substances found in wood, coconut husks, clean aggregates and peat moss as well as trace metals, Class A compost soil blends, nutrients and minerals.

Any person who may be adversely affected by the proposed handling of waste and wishes to provide relevant information may, within 30 days after the last date of posting, publishing, service or display, send written comments to the contact provided below, with a copy to the Director, Environmental Protection at envCIA@gov.bc.ca. The identity of any respondents and the contents of anything submitted in relation to this application will become part of the public record.

Dated this 16 day of October, 2025.



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