Guyana Agricultural and General Workers Union (GAWU)
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Cde Deodat Sukhu
Chief Industrial Relations Manager
Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc (GuySuCo)
Ministry of Agriculture complex,
LBI, East Coast Demerara

Dear Comrade,

With the arrival of the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic to our shores, we believe, that every possible step should be taken to mitigate and staunch the transmission of the virus which has and is wreaking havoc globally.

While we have seen the authorities ostensibly taking pragmatic steps in addressing the pandemic, we, at the same time, contend that the Corporation, as a responsible employer, also needs to embrace measures to prevent the transmission of the virus at the workplace. At this time, we urge that the GuySuCo takes appropriate and necessary measures to keep workers, at all levels, safe.

The GAWU believes that sharing of information with workers regarding symptoms and precautions they should also be a feature of the company's response.

We also urge that the Corporation make every effort to ensure that workers receive their wages in a timely manner. This suggestion comes against the background of the necessity to secure food and other items which have began to grow scarcer by the day.

Separately, our Union, through our Branches and Groups, will seek to keep workers informed as part of our efforts to play a proactive role.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

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