

Environmental Permit

Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549)

Permit number:

NP0385/20

Approved documents

NP0385/20/1G/7A/15A

The Environment and Resources Authority (hereinafter the Authority; the Competent Authority or ERA) in exercise of its powers under the Environment Protection Act (CAP. 549), hereby authorises:

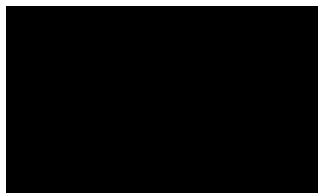
Mr Jonathan Pace obo NRGY Concepts Ltd (hereinafter “the Permit Holder”), Of / Whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is at

28, Triq il-Kurunell Cocks,
Pembroke, PBK 1440

to carry out an obstacle race at

Buskett

The validity of this permit is **up to 9th May 2021**.

Signed	Date
 <p>Anthony Aquilina Unit Manager (Env. Permitting) F/ Director Environment and Resources</p>	<p>Permit Granted: 26/11/ 2020</p>

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Competent Authority

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Conditions

Introductory Note

The permit is granted in accordance with the provisions of the Environment Protection Act and Regulation 18(2) of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (S.L. 549.44), hereinafter referred to as the Regulations, for the purpose of the activities that shall be carried out at Buskett gardens located within the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Area (SPA) of L-inħawi tal-Buskett u tal-Girgenti (MT0000018).

The activity shall, subject to the conditions of this Permit, be managed, controlled and carried out as described in the NP Application, approved documents, and/or as otherwise previously agreed in writing by the Authority.

Status Log

Detail	Date
<i>Application NP0385/20</i>	07/08/2020
<i>Permit Issued</i>	26/11/2020

Pre-Commencement of activities/ work

1. The permit holder shall advise of the dates of works at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement on ced.nature@era.org.mt. In the case of change of date, the permit holder is to inform ERA of such a change at least two (2) days in advance. In the case of short-term cancellation of the activity (especially outside office hours), the Authority should be contacted on 9921 0404.

Permitted Activities

2. The Permit Holder is authorised to carry out the activities and the associated activities specified in Table 1

Activity	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
Activities in Protected sites.	Obstacle race as per approved document NP0385/20/15A	(i) Activity to take place on Sunday 09/05/2021 between 0900 and 1400hrs for not more than 700 participants, departing in small groups at a time; (ii) Obstacles to be prepared 1-2 days in advance and removed not more than 1 day after the race.

Site

3. The activities authorised under condition 2 shall be affected in the location and as per the route marked on the approved site plan 1G and the obstacles placed as shown in document NP0385/20/1G as per list NP0385/20/7A.

Conditions of Activity/Work

4. Activities are to be held according to the approved Project Description Statement NP0385/20/15A.
5. The permit holder shall ensure that disturbance of any specimen of any species is kept to a minimum. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that no harm is caused to the environment either intentionally or accidentally. Attention must also be afforded to the whole of the environment of the SAC in view of the protection status of SAC.
6. Access to motor vehicles shall be restricted to asphalted roads.
7. The activity is limited to 700 persons. Participants shall be divided into smaller groups leaving an interval between each group.
8. All installations and obstacles which form part of the activity, as listed in 7A are to be placed as indicated in the approved site plan 1G and shall be installed from one to two days before and removed not more than two days after the activity, between sunrise and sunset.

The temporary installations are not to be placed on vegetation or habitats and are to be placed solely on beaten earth tracks.

9. For the Mud Crawl obstacle numbered NP0385/20/12 in document 7A, the mud shall be made up of soil collected from Rabat Malta as per coordinates:
<https://goo.gl/maps/yU8WYyvY7TUYeqSv9>,
<https://goo.gl/maps/wqDDqM4yj1otPymi6>, and
<https://goo.gl/maps/4UX3uJdxTiYaUpBS6>.

Prior to depositing the soil, 4 layers of PVC material shall be laid out onto the ground at the base of the obstacle, and the area surrounded with wooden pallets to contain the mud.

After the race, the contents of the PVC material shall be carefully collected in impermeable containers and returned to the site whence it was collected. Any spillages are to be cleaned thoroughly with brooms and spades. None of the material shall be left on site.

10. A one (1) metre delineation marked with red tape and/or cones shall be placed along the race track. No part of the site is to be sprayed or marked in any way. No form of equipment shall be affixed to trees or shrubs.
11. All activities shall take place within existing paths and clearings void of vegetation, whether dead or alive. Participants are strictly to keep to the existing paths and at no time are to move away and trample on the vegetation.
12. Any spectators are not to trample on any natural habitats.

Participants and additional personnel in the event, including photographers, marshals, helpers, etc shall keep to the existing paths.

13. Any sound employed as part of the event shall:
 - a. not be loud and shall not exceed (70dB) at 100m from site boundary; and
 - b. be emitted from speakers which shall be situated in a manner to only direct sound towards the activity.

14. All reasonable precautions are to be taken to keep the site and its surroundings clean.

The permit holder is responsible for the collection and disposal of any litter, refuse or waste originated during the activity. The site shall be cleaned and restored to its original condition, without causing any harm to the protected area and the surrounding environment.

Rubbish disposal facilities shall be provided by the organisers and any waste generated during the activity is to be collected immediately and disposed of accordingly in accordance with the Waste Management (Activity Registration) Regulations 2007 (S.L. 549.45) and the Waste Regulations, 2011, (S.L. 549.63), including where necessary through the Consignment Permit procedure.

15. The activities shall take place between sunrise and sunset.

General Conditions

16. The 'Permit Holder', is responsible to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken so that the activity conforms to the conditions in this Permit and the procedures outlined within the Permit application.

17. The activities covered by this permit are restricted to the Permit Holder, employees and/or volunteers and contracted parties commissioned for such activities/works under his supervision and direction, who shall all be made aware of this Permit and the contents within.

18. The following activities are strictly prohibited:

- a. the deliberate picking, collection, taking, cutting, uprooting, harming, destroying or damaging deliberately destroying, keeping, transporting, selling, buying exchanging, offering for sale or for exchange, importing or exporting in any way of any specimen of wild flora;
- b. the deliberate hunting, killing, capturing, taking, harming, disturbance particularly during periods of breeding, rearing, hibernation and migration, destruction and deterioration of breeding sites or resting places, pursuing, taking or attempting to take, deliberately killing or attempting to kill, deliberately destroying, keeping, transporting, selling, buying exchanging, offering for sale or for exchange, importing or exporting any specimen of any specimen of wild fauna;
- c. cutting or damaging of reeds, tree branches etc;
- d. introduction, removal, significant movement and re-engineering, and/or collection of sand, shingle, stone, soil and/or sediment;
- e. excavation works and any physical modification of the vegetation cover, the ground and landform of the site and its surroundings;
- f. generation of excessive noise, including extremely loud music or the use of noisy generators, or light pollution through the use of floodlights;
- g. disposal, discharge or spillage of oil, fuel, paint or other pollutants, or of solid waste, ash or combustibles;
- h. lighting of fires.

19. ERA may request updates and/or further information on the activity in question as deemed necessary.

20. The conditions imposed shall be adhered to throughout all the activities. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action and cessation of any related works or activities.
21. ERA may impose other additional rules or conditions, or may amend one or more of the listed rules or conditions, as it deems necessary for the proper conservation of a protected site or area, biodiversity and the environment in general, and to ensure public safety.
22. The Permit Holder may apply for a variation of the Permit and shall seek the Authority's written agreement prior to any operational changes, by sending to the Authority:
 - a. Written notice of the details of the proposed change, including an assessment of its possible effects or risks to the environment from the approved activity;
 - b. Any relevant supporting information;
 - c. Any relevant supporting assessments and drawings, and;
 - d. The proposed implementation date.

Any such change shall only be implemented following the issue of a variation of the permit by the Authority.

23. In accordance with Regulation 46(4) of S.L. 549.44, a brief report with photos of the activities held, including any publications as a result of the activity, is to be provided to ERA by the Permit Holder within one month of the expiry of the permit, and is to be submitted to ced.nature@era.org.mt. Information that should be treated as confidential as outlined in Regulation 48(4) of S.L. 549.44 shall be specified.

A template for the report is available at <https://era.org.mt/topic/nature-permit-reporting/>

24. This permit is granted saving third party rights. The Permit holder is not exempt from any other legislation or regulations, codes of practice, conditions or requirements imposed by any other competent authorities, including the obtaining of permits, licenses, or clearances including from site owners.
25. Any accidental handling, capture or collection of specimens or part thereof, whether dead or alive, of species listed within Schedule V and VI, and endemic species not listed in Schedule X of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (S.L. 549.44) shall be reported on nature.permitting@era.org.mt within seven (7) days of sampling of the specimen provided that the permit holder may only keep such specimen or part thereof for scientific research purposes. The Authority may request additional information from the permit holder, including but not limited to, an application for authorisation for the keeping of such specimens or samples.
26. The Authority may suspend or revoke this Environmental Permit in line with the provisions of CAP 549.
27. The Permit Holder shall notify the following matters to the Authority in writing at least 10 working days prior to their occurrence:
 - a. Any change in the Permit Holder's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
 - b. Any change to particulars of the Permit Holder's corporate identity.
28. Upon the joint application of a Permit Holder and a proposed transferee, the Permit Holder may request to transfer an environment permit. The permit shall not be transferred from the Permit Holder without prior approval from the Authority. Upon the Authority's decision to transfer the permit to the transferee, all rights, obligations, liabilities shall subsist onto the transferee.
29. In accordance with Regulation 47 of S.L. 549.44, details of the Permit Holder together with the details of conditions imposed in this Permit shall be maintained by the Authority in a register available for public inspection or maintained in electronic form.

30. The Authority may carry out regular pre-set or unannounced compliance or monitoring checks that vary in frequency according to the site's compliance with the permit conditions and safeguarding of natural assets. Any checks or audits carried out by the Authority may be made at the Permit Holder's financial expense at rate and arrangement communicated by ERA's Compliance and Enforcement Directorate. ERA may also appoint other on-site monitors at the expense of the Permit Holder to act as an on-site liaison between the Permit Holder and ERA if the case arises.
31. The Authority's representatives may inspect and photograph any part of the site/ activity and ask for any closed or locked areas to be opened and may demand to be provided with any proof, documentation, plans, receipts or any other records.
32. This Permit including any Variation Notices or amendments to it shall be made available for any inspection by ERA officials at all times, or any legally recognised compliance and enforcement officials, when requested.
33. Whenever there is a conflict between the conditions of this Permit and approved documents, the conditions of the Permit shall prevail.
34. ERA shall not be held liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur during the activities being permitted through this Permit. It is the responsibility of the Permit Holder to ensure that all safety measures are taken.
35. This permit is without prejudice to any liability of the Permit Holder under the Act and to any punitive measures the Authority may wish to take with respect to works already carried out without permit.
36. The validity of this permit is for **9th May 2021**. The Permit Holder may apply for a renewal to this Permit expressing his/her intention at least four (4) weeks prior to the expiry of this permit. Request for renewals shall only be considered upon confirmation of compliance with Permit conditions and fulfilment of documentation as requested by this Permit.
37. The permit holder may appeal from this decision to the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal in accordance with Article 63 of the Environment Protection Act and with the provisions of the Environment and Planning Review Tribunal Act.

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OBSTACLE 1 – HAYSTACKS JUMP / PALLETS / WATER BARRIERS

Obstacle made up of a pile or bundle of hay. Usually of a maximum height of 1.5m.

OBSTACLE 2 – TYRE THROUGH

Around 3 meter wide and 2 meter high U-Bar made up of iron hollow section with which used tires are hanged and participants shall pass through it.

OBSTACLE 3 – CLIMBING WALL

Around 3 meter high wall made up of recyclable wood installed to aluminum scaffolding. The wood installation shall have wooden brackets installed in order to help the participants climb the wall. A rope will be also made available to assist the participants. Installation will be surrounding by safety matts.

OBSTACLE 4 – SKY HIGH RAMP

A fixed installation, ready-made, usually used for BMX stunts made up of iron. Installation will be surrounding by safety matts.

OBSTACLE 5 – SAND BAG CARRY

Reusable sacks filled up with heavy bodied material, usually gravel or grit. To prevent any leak, double bag the material will be used.

OBSTACLE 6 - MONKEY ROPE

Truss installation made of wood or iron (ready made), installed at a distance of 5 meters where participants need to climb through a rope in a particular manner. Installation will be surrounded by safety matts.

OBSTACLE 7 – BALANCE LOG

Elevated wooden beams at a height of around 30 to 50cm, through which the participant must walk through the path. The wooden beams will be placed on the soil at the chosen area. No permanent installations needed as beams will be tight fixed together.

OBSTACLE 8 – TREE THROUGH MAZE

Poles will be independently installed next to the trees and a cable installed from one pole to another to create a maze. Participants will have to go through.

OBSTACLE 9 – TUNNELS

3 large twinwall pipes, installed to an iron truss, which will independently over cover the rubble wall. Participants will have to go down through the pipes.

OBSTACLE 10 – CLIMBING WARRIORS

A large 6-meter wooden installation, which will be independently set up. Ready-made structure, which is normally used by scouts groups in their respective activities. A net will be installed to the wooden structure as participants will be requested to climb up and down the structure.

OBSTACLE 11 – THE GIGANTIC SLIDE

A specifically designed and manufactured inflatable slide, which is suitable for all ages. Designed particularly for such event and ensures security. The installation which is 6 meter high has two lanes and a large ramp.

OBSTACLE 12 – MUD CRAWL

4 layers of eco-friendly recycled Polyvinyl chloride which are set up as a base of this obstacle. The set area will be surrounded with wooden pallets to ensure order and decrease spill of mud. The mud

will be made up of soil which will be specifically brought from a yard in Rabat. Exact location can be accessed through the following coordinates:

<https://goo.gl/maps/yU8WYyvY7TUYeqSv9>

<https://goo.gl/maps/wqDDgM4yj1otPymi6>

<https://goo.gl/maps/4UX3uJdxTiYaUpBS6>

OBSTACLE 13 – MONKEY BARS

A three-dimensional stand alone framework of horizontal and vertical bars from which participants can hang and swing.

OBSTACLE 14 – COWBELL JUMP

A two meter tripod through which a cow bell is installed were participants needs to jump high to wring the bell.

OBSTACLE 15 – CARGO NET

A 10 foot by 8 foot cargo container through which a large net installed inclined to the top which will help participants climb the structure and then slide down again through plastic ramps and run towards the finish line.



1. Aim of the Project

Young Warriors is a family-obstacle race whose aim is to provide a family-fun challenging race in an effort to also promote sports with children and young teens. The ultimate aim is to have this race repeated twice every year, so that children and teens can start training for each event, and thus effectively bringing sports as part of their life's routine.

2. Justification for project. What is the value of the project in scientific and educational terms?

Sports has many proven benefits in educational terms. Besides the physical benefits that training and practicing sports brings with it, many psychological benefits are also fruit of practising sports as a way of life. In educational terms, promoting sports from a young age may help lead children on the path of routine physical activity which can assist in positive psychological benefits affecting their overall education.

Among the limitless positive benefits of sports on children's education, besides the health benefits, we can list the self-confidence and self-esteem gained from practising sports which leads to better motivated students. Teamwork is the key to success in sports, and this is a lesson which sports brings to one's life, especially in one's education journey, in that as a student one has to work hand in hand with teachers and fellow students.

In sports there is leadership and discipline, both of which are social skills which sports helps develop fast through interaction with people. The development at such a young age of social skills helps a student develop communication skills that help him/her in their school life.

3. Brief Project Outline

Young Warriors is a 1 mile adventure and obstacle course race for kids ages 5-15, with 13-15 fun and challenging obstacles, and mud. The course gives kids the chance to work as a team, challenge themselves and experience the thrill of adventure. The first adventure and obstacle course event series for kids in Malta is also a FAMILY adventure - parents are able to run with their kids.

4. Starting date and estimated duration of project including date[s] and time[s]. When is/are the handling/collection planned? If possible, provide month[s] and date[s].

Date and Time of Event: Sunday 9th May 2021 from 0900hrs to 1400hrs

Set up: Friday 7th May 2021 (transportation to site) & Saturday 8th May 2021 (set-up).

Dismantling: Sunday 9th May 2021 & Monday 10th May 2021

5. The site/geographic area of the activity.

Site plan attached. No access from privately owned land is required.

6. How many persons are involved per visit?

700 persons

7. How will be the site be accessed?

Site will be accessed by transportation vehicles for the set-up and dismantling of the event's sport equipment.

8. Description of the method to be used for the project.

Not applicable. This is not a scientific research project.

9. Safety equipment available, in case of emergency

Ambulance, Fire Extinguishers & First Aid staff in attendance on site.