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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHRIS WELLS, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 10, 2020

Certified Mail No. 7018 0360 0000 7113 7237 Mr. Fred Moran Moran Realty Company, LLC 712 Washington Avenue Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

Dear Mr. Moran:

Re:

Belle Fountaine Subdivision

Jackson County

COE No.

SAM201700919KMN WQC No. WQC2017103

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Office of Pollution Control (OPC) issues this Certification, after public notice and opportunity for public hearing, Moran Realty Company, LLC, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Belle Fountaine Subdivision: Development of a single-family residential subdivision. There will be permanent impacts to 24.56 acres of jurisdictional wetland for the construction of Belle Fountaine Subdivision. The subdivision will consist of 54 residential home lots on a 33.99 acre site. The 33.99 acre site contains approximately 30.48 acres of pine savannah wetlands which drains southwest into Graveline Bayou which flows southeast into the Mississippi Sound. The proposed project would also consist of access roads, internal streets, utilities, curb, and a detention basin. Mitigation has been proposed through the purchasing of mitigation credits form and approved mitigation bank. The site is located in Ocean Springs, Jackson County, Mississippi. [SAM201700919KMN , WQC2017103].

The Office of Pollution Control certifies that the above-described activity will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the following conditions:

- 1. All fill material and excavation areas shall have side slopes of at least 3:1 (horizontal: vertical) and shall be immediately seeded, stabilized and maintained.
- 2. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
- 3. Coverage under a Storm Water Construction General NPDES Permit shall be obtained prior to the start of construction activities. No construction activities shall begin until such approvals are obtained.
- 4. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan, submitted by Dennis Stieffel & Associates, P.A., Inc. received on October 29, 2018, shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
- 5. Mitigation for the impacts of 24.56 acres of wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The number of credits must be in accordance with banking prospectus and should be based upon that required for impacting 25.56 acres of wetland. Written verification of credit purchase must be provided to the Office of Pollution Control prior to the commencement of any work in the wetland areas.
- 6. The development shall connect to an Office of Pollution Control approved wastewater collection and treatment system. No construction shall begin until all wastewater approvals are obtained.
- 7. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
- 8. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse.

The Office of Pollution Control also certifies that there are no limitations under Section 302 nor standards under Sections 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act which are applicable to the applicant's above-described activity.

This certification is valid for the project as proposed. Any deviations without proper modifications and/or approvals may result in a violation of the 401 Water Quality Certification. If you have any questions, please contact Montie Hardaway Glenn at (601) 961-5596.

Sincerely,

Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE

Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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cc: Rudolph Villareal, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District

Jennifer Wilder, Department of Marine Resources Paul Necaise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency Dana Sanders, D.R. Sanders and Associates, Inc.