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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR October 9, 2017

Certified Mail No. 7016 2070 0000 7232 5516 Mr. Edwin Sallis Hospitality Development Group, LLC 125 South Congress Street Suite 1610 Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Dear Mr. Sallis:

Hospitality Development Group, LLC Re: Rankin County COE No. MVK-2010-621 WQC No. WQC2016001

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, to Hospitality Development Group, LLC, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Proposed project to include the Hospitality Development Group, LLC: mechanized land clearing and associated discharge of dredged and/or fill material into jurisdictional wasters for the construction of a commercial development. The proposed project is to be constructed on a 5.85-acre parcel and will include site preparation for two commercial lots. The first 2.5-acre lot would consist of a hotel and associated parking. The second 1.0-acre parcel would be prepared for commercial development; and as originally proposed, the remaining 2.3 acre was to remain undeveloped. Approximately 1.81 acres of jurisdictional wetlands are located on the proposed property, of which 0.74 acre was originally proposed to be impacted.

However, during regulatory review the applicant revised the project layout to include a storm water detention basin. This revision resulted in the increase of impacts to waters of the State from 0.74 acre to 1.03 acre. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the unavoidable loss of wetlands through the purchase of credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank. The proposed project is located along Childre Road in Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi [MVK2010621, WQC20160011.

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. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Appropriate best management practices (BMPs) shall be properly installed and maintained to prevent the movement of sediment off-site and into adjacent drainage areas and/or waters. Special care shall be taken to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
- 4. 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.
- 5. The post-construction storm water plan, submitted by Engineering Service, Inc. on August 28, 2017 shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
- 6. Mitigation for the loss of 1.03 acre of jurisdictional wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. The purchasing of credits must be in accordance with the banking prospectus and shall be based upon that required for impacting 1.03 acre of wetlands. A copy of the credit purchase agreement shall be forwarded to this office within 60 days of this certification.
- 7. 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 we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE

Chief, Environmental Permits Division

HMW: chb

cc: Tarmiko Graham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District

David Felder, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Bill Ainslie, Environmental Protection Agency

James Hall, Engineering Service