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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Gary C. Rikard, Executive Director May 28, 2019

Certified Mail No. 7007 1490 0002 0669 3899 Mr. Ryan Goldin Florence Gardens, LLC 12321 Preservation Drive Gulfport, Mississippi 39503

Dear Mr. Goldin:

Re:

Florence Gardens Subdivision

Harrison County

COE No. SAM200100143G

WQC No. 2019019

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 Florence Gardens, LLC, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Florence Gardens Subdivision: The applicant, Florence Gardens, LLC, is applying for a Department of the Army permit and associated Section 401 Water Quality Certification to fill 0.022 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The purpose is to construct a road in an already existing residential development. The project site of the development is 426 acres, and it contains approximately 121 acres of wetlands. Around 20.16 acres of wetlands have already been impacted by previous authorizations. The project is located in Gulfport, Mississippi. [SAM200100143G, WQC2019019].

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. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
- 4. The post-construction Storm Water Management Plan shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
- 5. Mitigation for the impact of 0.022 acres of wetlands shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. 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. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
- 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

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cc: Jeremy R. Overstreet, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District Willa Brantley, Department of Marine Resources Paul Necaise, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency Nick Gant, Brown Mitchell and Alexander, Inc.