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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

August 20, 2020

Mr. Jared Riecke
Riecke and Associates
17940 Painters Row
Covington, Louisiana 70435

Dear Mr. Riecke:

Re: Castine Pointe
Harrison County
COE No. SAM201601500KMN
WQC No. WQC20180005

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 Riecke and Associates, an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Castine Pointe: The applicant is requesting a permit to place fill material in 9.62 acres of wetlands for the construction of a mixed used development (Castine Point North). The site contains approximately 47.85 acres of on-site wetlands and 2986 linear feet of other waters of the United States. The proposed mixed use development would be comprised of approximately 39 residential lots, 4 commercial tracts, a medical/assisted living facility, and 10 multi-family apartment buildings associated roads, utilities, and 10 detention ponds. [SAM201601500KMN, WQC20180005].

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.

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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. Coverage or modification of coverage if appropriate under the Storm Water Construction General NPDES Permit shall be obtained prior to the start of construction activities in any given area. Present Large Construction Permit Coverage does not cover the entirety of the areas in this Certification. **No construction activities shall begin in these areas until such approvals are obtained.**
5. The final post-construction Stormwater Management Plan, as submitted to the Department on February 11, 2020, shall be implemented concurrent with project construction and properly maintained.
6. Mitigation for the impacts of 9.62 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 9.62 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.**
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 Paul Devine.

Sincerely,



Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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cc: Ms. Kaaren Neumann, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Ms. Holland Lamier, Department of Marine Resources
Ms. Tamara Campbell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ms. Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Michael Henry, Hydrik Consultants