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October 29, 2020

Mr. Dave Hassen  
ALDI, Inc.  
29000 US Hwy 98, Bldg. C, Suite 201  
Daphne, AL 36526

Dear Mr. Hassen:

Re: Aldi, Inc., Aldi Grocery Store  
Jackson County  
COE No. SAM201801167MFJ  
WQC No. WQC2020008

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, ALDI Inc., an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Ocean Springs ALDI grocery store: The applicant proposes to fill 3.5 acres of wetlands associated with the construction of a 20,000 square foot commercial grocery store to include utilities, parking, driveways and stormwater detention pond, north of Highway 90, Jackson County, Mississippi. The total project site is approximately 3.5 acres in size and the entire parcel has been identified as medium-quality wetlands (M-WRAP score of 51.5%). Impacts include filling the entire 3.5 acre parcel. The applicant proposes to provide in-kind compensatory mitigation through the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank. [SAM201801167MJF, WQC2020008]

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:

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1. The permittee shall obtain appropriate wastewater permits and/or approvals for the proposed activity prior to the commencement of construction activities.
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. Special care shall be taken prior to and during construction to prevent the movement of sediment into adjacent avoided wetland areas. In the event of any BMP failure, corrective actions shall be taken immediately.
4. The final post-construction Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) submitted by Rowden Consulting, LLC dated May 12, 2020 and received by MDEQ on May 14, 2020 shall be implemented concurrent with project constructed and maintained as proposed.
5. Mitigation for the impact of 3.5 acres of wetlands associated with the project shall be provided by the purchase of mitigation credits from an approved mitigation bank.
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 you have any questions, please contact Mr. Daniel Anderson.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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