PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Attn: Regulatory Branch 7400 Leake Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana 70118-3651

Project Manager: Amy Oestringer (504) 862-2272 Amy.L.Oestringer@usace.army.mil Application #: MVN-2020-00356-WQQ

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: **[X]** Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

ACCESS GATE INSTALLATIONS IN TERREBONNE PARISH

<u>NAME OF APPLICANT</u>: Wylie Corporations / Orange Grove Holding, LLC / Robichaux, Alfred C., c/o: T. BAKER SMITH LLC, ATTN: Joshua Bridges, P. O. Box 2266, Houma, LA 70361.

LOCATION OF WORK: Located approximately 8 miles west of Houma, Louisiana, in the Orange Grove Oil & Gas Field, Sections 84, 89, 90, 93, T17S-R16E, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, (lat. 29.580378°, long. -90.874086°), as shown in the attached drawings. (Hydrologic Unit Code 08090302, Terrebonne Basin Watershed)

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK:</u> The applicant proposes to install 6 access gates across existing private oil and gas canals, through the use of a backhoe mounted barge. The project is expected to temporarily impact approximately 0.001 of an acre of waterbottoms within waters of the U.S., from the piling installation activities. The proposed work does not include any dredge or fill activities, and is not expected to have any impacts to jurisdictional wetlands. A compensatory mitigation plan for the subject work has not been proposed, as there are no expected impacts to wetlands or special aquatic sites from project construction.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit will close <u>15 days</u> from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers Project Manager's email address, or to the physical address listed above, <u>ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH</u>. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the

requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this public notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would neither affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species. Based on the Information & Planning Consultation for Endangered Species in Louisiana (IPaC) agreement, signed January 27, <u>2020</u>, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has been determined that the project is not likely to affect the West Indian Manatee (Trichechus manatus), with the addition of special permit conditions for all in water activities.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal may result in the destruction, alteration, and/or disturbance of **0.001** of an acre of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice,

that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant receives approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the LA Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management.

You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

Darrell S. Barbara Chief, Western Evaluation Section Regulatory Branch

Enclosure

















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NOTES:

AS BUILT DRAWINGS WILL BE PROVIDED TO LA. DNR, CMD AND PIPELINE DIVISION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT. PERMITTEE WILL REMOVE ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELLS AND PIPELINES WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT, UNLESS CMD ISSUES APPROVAL TO LEAVE THEM IN PLACE FOR FUTURE USE. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED, FOR SUCH REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.

TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITTEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.

A TOTAL OF 0.001 ACRES TO BE TEMPORARILY IMPACTED BY PILING INSTALLATIONS.

THESE DRAWINGS ARE TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REGULATORY PERMITS.											
DRAWN BY: J.P.W.	APPROVED BY: J.M.B.		VICINITY MAP								
DATE: 2/14/2020	JOB NO: 2	020.0119	WYLIE CORPORATIONS / ORANGE GROVE HOLDING, LLC / ROBICHAUX, ALFRED C.								
DRAWING NAME: PERMITS.DWG			PROPOSED ACCESS GATE INSTALLATIONS IN ORANGE GROVE OIL AND GAS FILED								
SHEET NO: 9	OF	9	SECTIONS 84, 89, 90, 93, T17S-R16E								
PROJECTION: LA SOUTH GEO. DATUM: NAD83 VE GRID UNITS: US SURVEY		88	TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA								
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