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Exhibit BB. Grace Farms West LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries Letter

Date April 11, 2013

Name Jim Cavanaugh
Company Baton Rouge Area Chamber
Street Address
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Project 450 Acre Iberville Parish Site
Grace Farms West

Project ID 1022013

Invoice Number 13041103

Personnel of the Habitat Section of the Coastal & Nongame Resources Division have reviewed the preliminary data for the captioned project.

This project occurs within a ¼ of a miles of the boundary of Sherburne Wildlife Management Area. Prior to any applications for federal and/or state permits please contact Johnathan Bordelon at 337-948-0255 to coordinate these activities as related to the Sherburne WMA.

Please note that the Louisiana black bear (*Ursus americanus luteolus*) may occur in your general project area and is provided a threatened status on both federal and state species lists. The Louisiana black bear utilizes a variety of habitat types, including forested wetlands, marsh, spoil banks, and upland forests. We strongly urge workers and contractors to avoid bears, particularly if work is to be conducted during the non-denning season (April through December). Employees should be cautioned to not leave food or garbage in the field, as bears can become attracted and accustomed to human food easily. In addition, we recommend the use of bear proof garbage containers on site.

After careful review of our database, no other impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated for the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, scenic streams, or wildlife management areas are known at the specified site within Louisiana's boundaries.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) has compiled data on rare, endangered, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, plant communities, and other natural features throughout the state of Louisiana. Heritage reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. The quantity and quality of data collected by the LNHP are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in Louisiana have not been surveyed. This report does not address the occurrence of wetlands at the site in question. Heritage reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. LNHP requires that this office be acknowledged in all reports as the

source of all data provided here. If at any time Heritage tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact the LNHP Data Manager at 225-765-2643. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please call 225-765-2357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amity Bass", written in a cursive style.

Amity Bass, Coordinator
Natural Heritage Program

cc: Johnathan Bordelon