



## Seaplace Association, Inc.

2045 Gulf of Mexico Drive  
Longboat Key, Florida 34228  
Admin. Off. (813) 383-4441 Bus. Off. (813) 383-5568

April 26, 1991

To Whom It May Concern:

Seaplace Association, Inc. is a condominium complex on Longboat Key, Florida consisting of 461 units in 10 buildings. We have approximately 2200 feet of beach front on the Gulf of Mexico.

During 1986, 1987 and 1988 Seaplace experienced rapid erosion, especially at the northern 700' of the beach endangering one 30 unit building and a recreational area. In early 1988 the Cabinet denied a permit to protect the property with a rock revetment.

In May, 1988 Mr. Jay Sample was contacted to advise Seaplace on how to protect it's property. In very short order he designed Protec-Tube II which was permitted by the D.N.R. on an emergency basis. Mr. Sample then supervised the manufacture of this geotextile system and installed it over 600 feet of our beach front protecting the building and the recreational area. Seaplace extended it's project a year later by 125 feet, giving a total of 725 feet of protection.

During the better than 2 1/2 years since the installation Longboat Key has experienced several severe storms with very high tides and winds in the 50 - 60 mph range. The Protec-Tube II installation has not moved, torn nor been ripped. In short it has done its job, i.e. protected the property. It works!

Need I say more. If you would like more information, feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

James M. Quinn, CBA  
Resident Manager



## Seaplace Association, Inc.

2045 Gulf of Mexico Drive  
Longboat Key, Florida 34228  
Admin. Off. (813) 383-4441 Bus. Off. (813) 383-5568

May 12, 1989

Mr. Jay Sample  
Coastal Erosion Control, Inc.  
3404 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, Fl 32301

Dear Jay:

On Wednesday, May 10, 1989, the first nest of sea turtle eggs in this year was discovered in front of our G-1 Building at Seaplace. This is the first sighting in this area of Seaplace in quite a few years since we have not had a dry beach there until the installation of Protec-Tube II last year.

Sometime during the night a sea turtle crossed the beach and climbed cell #1 of the Protec-Tube (which was exposed), approximately 3 1/4 feet of sand on top of cells #2 and #3 and nested. The turtle then dug down approximately 2 feet to the top of cell #3 and deposited 128 eggs, covered them and returned to the Gulf.

After the sighting at 7:15 a.m. we called Mote Marine Laboratories here on Longboat Key. A representative of Mote arrived at 9:00 a.m. and dug up the eggs for deposit into their incubator. This is in keeping with Mote Marine's sea turtle program on Longboat Key.

Since the sighting and removal, we have graded the sand over Protec-Tube II so that there is now a gradual slope up the beach which should make our next nocturnal visitor's trek somewhat easier. The reason there was so much sand on top of cells 2 & 3 was that we were in the process of complying with our DNR Permit conditions regarding the installation of our Sheet Pile Wall landward of Protec-Tube.

Once again, I would like to pass on to you my owners appreciation for the protection and beach stabilization which Protec-Tube II has afforded us. The fact that the sea turtles also seem to appreciate this installation is a bonus. In fact, our director's, Jack Levine, announcement of the discovery of the nest at our Board Meeting on Thursday was greeted by audience applause.

Sincerely,

James M. Quinn, C.B.A.  
Resident Manager

JMQ/jp