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#### **EXHIBIT B**

## Naples Pier Report Clarification

**Date:** March 11, 2014

To: Mr. Joe Boscaglia

City of Naples 280 Riverside Circle Naples, Florida 34102

**Re:** Naples Pier Facilities Evaluation Report

Pier Substructure – Stringer Re-Use

Mr. Boscaglia,

We are clarifying our above referenced report regarding a question of re-use of the existing stringer beams currently supporting the deck. While we state in the Executive Summary page 2 and various photos represent that the wood stringer material appears to be in good condition, our General Description statement on page 1 of the Pier Substructure section states the following:

"Due to the high percentage of severe corrosion, and in some cases, total obliteration of connection hardware, structural integrity of critical components of the pier substructure may be questionable. Equally critical is how well the substructural frame will be able to resist wind loading in future storms, with many of its connectors either consumed by or well within the advanced stage of corrosion. Numerous through bolts have no nuts securing there connection to the piling foundation system. Due to this condition we are recommending a complete wood substructure and connection hardware replacement. All Hardware connecting components must be Stainless Steel to endure the elements and resist corrosion."

We wish to clarify and emphasize that while the wood material of these members appears intact, the size and position of the stringers as well as precise location of the hardware connections precludes them from re-use in a hardware only replacement situation. It is our observation that the current stringer bolt and plate penetrations are enlarged and affected by the hardware contact and corrosion enough that secure connections to foundation can only be accomplished by having new stringer material as a basis of connection, and force resistance.

Further, we included a detailed cost estimate which includes a complete substructure replacement cost projection using current market pricing as our recommendation.

We hope this clarifies our language regarding this matter.

Sincerely.

The A.D. Morgan Corporation/Facilities Services Division

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