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February 20, 2009

Sra. Cynthia Sosa Rivera
Secretary
Puerto Rico Planning Board
Centro Gubernamental
Roberto Sánchez Vilella
P O Box 41119
San Juan PR 00940-1119

Re: Consulta Número 2007-77-0047-JPU
Barrio Sardinias II, Culebra

Dear Ms. Sosa:

CORALations is a coral reef conservation organization based on the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico. We have been recognized as interveners in this planning process for the above referenced consultation.

In accordance with §9.05, Rules of Procedure of the Planning Board of Puerto Rico, we ask for the postponement of the public hearing scheduled for March 10th, 2009 at 10:00 am on Culebra for the consultation num 2007-77-0047-JPU.

Our request for postponement is because the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) of Puerto Rico has yet to hold public hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS-PJCA-08-0007 (DV)). It is vital to hold the EQB's hearing first, in order for the Planning Board to achieve a balanced assessment for this consultation in relation to established public policy, unique to the municipal island of Culebra. Law 66, 1975 (as amended) establishes as public policy the conservation of the ecological integrity of the island of Culebra.

The EQB of Puerto Rico had originally scheduled a public hearing for October 17, 2008, which was postponed due to the threat of onslaught of Hurricane Omar. Edwin Irizarry Esq. of the EQB confirmed that while the EQB hearing was still on schedule, it could not be rescheduled before April of 2009.

We respectfully request the postponement of the hearing scheduled for next

March 10th, 2009, until the EQB holds public hearings to consider the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project, and consistent with public policy established for the ecologically valuable island of Culebra.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MA Lucking', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mary Ann Lucking
Director

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Hector Morales Vargas
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Culebra Resorts Associates II, S. en C. por A., S. E.

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