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To whom it may concern:

The damage to One Shell Square from Hurricane Katrina was in excess of \$40,000,000. The primary contractor selected by the owners of One Shell Square, MetLife Insurance Company to repair storm damage to the building was American Restoration Inc. (ARI) from Dallas, Texas. The Operations Manager for ARI who was in charge of the repair and restoration work was Robbie Bearden.

The work at One Shell Square commenced on September 6, 2005, one week after Hurricane Katrina with the arrival of building management and engineering personnel along with ARI personnel led by Robbie Bearden.

For the next 3 ½ years, Robbie Bearden worked closely with the management and engineering staff at One Shell Square to repair and restore the building. All the work was performed in a professional, cost effective and efficient manner. We were always informed about job status, potential problems or changes in schedule along with solutions no matter what the problem or situation.

As operations Manager of ARI, Robbie Bearden was one of the most productive, knowledgeable and reliable individuals we worked with in 29 years at One Shell Square.

We would not hesitate to use the services of Robbie Bearden or ARI in any future projects at One Shell Square.

Sincerely,

Russell Marchand