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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Hollis Porcher, and I have been involved in the roofing industry since 1953. Thirty-seven of those years were spent with a large and highly reputable roofing contractor, and this is where I learned how and why a good roof system performs well for its expected life span. Most roof systems were a built-up type, and used asphalt or coal tar pitch as the bitumen. Needless to say, I have observed the introduction and failures of many new and innovative systems.

In 1990 I resigned from the contracting company as President and CEO, and with the largest ownership. I divested myself of all duties and ownership, and became a roof consultant. For the past twenty years I have been, and still am today, totally independent of any manufacturer's products, all roofing contractors, and any other sources that may tend to influence my opinion about correct and good roofing procedures.

In the early 1990's I was working with an architect in the design of the re-roof of a high-rise condominium building in Port Aransas, Texas. With almost a hundred small A/C units on the roof, design of a system was very difficult, and a built-up type was the only type I would consider, so this was the base bid. An owner on the governing board wanted to consider use of a single-ply system, and this was done. Both the architect and I informed the Board we could not recommend this type system and we would not be responsible for its responsible.

As it happened, JACO Construction was low bidder and awarded the contract. This was my first experience with the Dura-Last system and JACO Construction. It appears to have worked well on this building for almost twenty years. I was curious about how it was installed, particularly on a roof with so much equipment, so I watched the installation frequently.

During my long experience with the roofing industry, single-ply, and other types, has always been suspect of potential failure. Since that first project my experience with single-ply and JACO Construction has grown. To this day, I will not advise the use of any single-ply system except PVC that is at least 40 mils thick. This excludes EPDM (rubber), Hypalon, TPO and others from my specifications.

As an old "built-up roof person", I have had concerns about leaving the existing roof system in place and fastening a new roof through it. However, over the years I have seen this type installation work without problems. There are advantages, and reasons, why this works. It can be securely fastened to the sub-strate, even with the old roof in place. By not being adhered to the old roof it allows air and moisture that may have become trapped to migrate and vent out. Disposal of old roofing has become costly and difficult to dispose of properly. Cost and environmental considerations make it more desirable.

I am available to discuss my opinions expressed above. Please do not hesitate to call.

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