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Dear Prof. Tamulevičius,

**Submission of Paper for Possible Publication in Materials Science**

I submit herewith the paper entitled “Effects of Crushed Oyster Shell on Strength and Durability of Marine Concrete Containing Fly Ash and Blastfurnace Slag” for your consideration of possible publication in Materials Science.

In this paper, crushed oyster shell (COS) was added together with fly ash (FA) and blastfurnace slag (BS) to produce marine concrete mixes, and these concrete mixes were subjected to cube strength test, water penetration test, cyclic wetting-drying chloride attack test, long-term seawater attack test and chloride content test to investigate the effects of COS, FA and BS on the strength and durability of marine concrete. It is proven that COS can be used as fine aggregate in marine concrete, and the optimum mix proportion for best overall performance and the maximum COS content without adversely affecting the strength and durability performance of the concrete produced were found.

The paper is original and unpublished and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to your favorable reply. For any matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at email address: ligu@gdut.edu.cn.

Yours sincerely,

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