package which is substantially free of at least one of oxygen, water vapour and carbon dioxide, to increase a shelf life of the sacrificial anode assembly within the package.

13. The steel reinforced concrete protector as claimed in any of claims 8 to 12 wherein the sacrificial metal element comprises one of zinc and a zinc alloy, and the activator comprises a catalytic activator.

14. A method for increasing a shelf life of ~~a sacrificial anode assembly~~the steel reinforced concrete protector as claimed in any of claims 8 to 13, the method comprising the steps of:
assembling a sacrificial metal element less noble than steel with an activator to maintain an activity of the sacrificial metal element to form the sacrificial anode assembly; and
sealing the sacrificial anode assembly within a package that is substantially free of at least one of
oxygen, water vapour and carbon dioxide
to increase a shelf life of the sacrificial anode assembly.

15. A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the package is at least substantially free of oxygen and water vapour.