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November 24, 2021

Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear <<Full Name >>:

DW Excavating, Inc. ('DW Excavating') writes to make you aware of a recent incident that may affect some of your information. Although we have no evidence of misuse of your information, this letter provides details of the incident, our investigation, and steps you can take to help protect your information should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On October 4, 2021, DW Excavating became aware of suspicious activity on its network and initiated an investigation. As part of the investigation, which was conducted by third-party forensic specialists, it was determined that an unauthorized actor accessed our network between September 27, 2021 and October 4, 2021. While on the network, the unauthorized actor accessed certain information stored on the network. DW Excavating therefore undertook a review of the contents of the data at risk to determine the type of information at issue and to whom the information related. Through the review, on October 26, 2021, we determined that files potentially subject to unauthorized access contained information related to you. Although there is no evidence that the unauthorized actor misused personal information, DW Excavating provided notice to potentially affected individuals in an abundance of caution.

What Information Was Involved? The information related to you that may be affected includes your name, address, and Social Security number.

What We Are Doing. DW Excavating takes the security of information in its care very seriously. Upon learning of this issue, we immediately took steps to secure the network and conducted a diligent investigation to confirm the nature and scope of the incident. We also arranged to have TransUnion provide identity monitoring services to you for one (1) year at no cost to you as an added precaution. Please review the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information for instructions on how to enroll in these services.

What You Can Do. We recommend you remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. We also encourage you to enroll in the complimentary identity monitoring services being provided by DW Excavating.

For More Information. We understand you may have questions about the incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 509-904-1313, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. You may also write to DW Excavating at 215 Park St, Davenport, WA 99122.

We sincerely apologize for this incident and regret any concern it may cause you.

Sincerely,

Lars Hendrickson

Lars Hendrickson General Manager DW Excavating, Inc.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (*my*TrueIdentity) for one year provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion[®], one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

To enroll in this service, go directly to the *my*TrueIdentity website at <u>www.mytrueidentity.com</u> and in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code", enter the following unique 12-letter Activation Code <<Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.

If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper based, credit monitoring service, via U.S. Mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at **1-XXX-XXX-XXXX**. When prompted, enter the following 6-digit telephone pass code **XXXXXX** and follow the steps to enroll in the offl ine credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and **March 31, 2022**. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion, or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number, or are under the age of 18. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain one year of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score. The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, change of address and more. The subscription also includes access to identity restoration services that provides assistance in the event your identity is compromised to help you restore your identity and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

If you have questions about your online credit monitoring benefits, need help with your enrollment, or need help accessing your credit report, or passing identity verification, please contact the *my*TrueIdentity Customer Service Team toll-free at: 1-844-787-4607, Monday-Friday: 8am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm Eastern time.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal

law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-		https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.