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#### **Notice of Data Breach**

Dear <<first name>> <<middle name>> <<last name>> <<suffix>>,

We are writing to notify you of a data security incident that may have exposed some of your personal information. We deeply regret that this incident occurred and are keenly aware of how important the security of your personal information is to you. W.L. Contractors takes the protection and proper use of your information very seriously. For this reason, we are contacting you directly to explain the circumstances of the incident.

# What happened?

W.L. Contractors was the victim of a ransomware attack, which occurred between February 29, 2020, and March 3, 2020. It appears that malware had been installed on W.L. Contractors' computer network, but failed to complete the attack. Nevertheless, the malware was able to access and exfiltrate some Personal Information ("PI") of current and former employees of W.L. Contractors, as well as encrypt data.

# What information was involved?

The PI potentially involved in this incident may have included your name, Social Security number, and direct deposit information for your bank account.

### What we are doing.

Upon learning of the incident, W.L. Contractors' technology professionals took steps to terminate the attack and restore its computer network. W.L. Contractors also contacted law enforcement about this incident and engaged an outside cyber security firm to assist W.L. Contractors to help strengthen its defenses against similar attacks in the future. Furthermore, out of an abundance of caution, W.L. Contractors is providing notice of this incident to all current and former employees about whom it possessed PI on its computer network.

# What you can do.

Please review the enclosed "Additional Resources" section included with this letter. This section describes additional steps you can take to help protect yourself, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file.

### For more information.

If you have questions, please call 1-???-????, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Time.

Protecting your information is important to us. We trust that the services we are offering to you demonstrate our continued commitment to your security and satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Larry Winkler Secretary

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

# Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting agencies is:

**Equifax**, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111 **Experian**, PO Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742 **TransUnion**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022, www.transunion.com, 1-800-888-4213

**Free Credit Report.** It is recommended that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies.

To order your annual free credit report please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228.

You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov) to:
Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents: You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

**Fraud Alert.** You may place a fraud alert in your file by calling one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies above. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit.

Security Freeze. You have the ability to place a security freeze on your credit report.

A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may be able to use an online process, an automated telephone line, or a written request to any of the three credit reporting agencies listed above. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

**Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices.** If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft.

You may contact the **Federal Trade Commission**, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

**For Maryland residents:** You may contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us, 1-888-743-0023.

**For New York residents:** the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; https://ag.ny.gov/.

**For North Carolina residents:** You may contact the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, 1-877-566-7226.

#### Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.

**For lowa residents:** You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the lowa Attorney General.

For Massachusetts residents: You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

**For Oregon residents:** You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General.