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## **Notice of Data Breach**

Dear

BAR Architects & Interiors takes the privacy and security of its employees' information seriously. As part of that commitment, we are providing you with this notice of the incident involving our company's file server, within which certain files containing your name and Social Security number were stored. This notice contains resources and steps you may take to protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so. Please read this letter carefully.

As an added protection, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no cost to you. These services provide you with alerts for 24 Months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, the call center will be available to provide you guidance on credit monitoring enrollment and identity theft protection services. The call center will include a trained support team to address inquiries concerning the incident as well. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. Instructions about how to enroll in these services and additional resources that are available to you are identified in the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information."

Bar Architects & Interiors regrets any concern or inconvenience this incident may cause you. We stress that we remain committed to protecting the privacy and security of information entrusted in our care. If you have additional questions, please contact our dedicated response line at 1-800-405-6108, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), for further information and assistance. Please note that you will be asked to supply the response line representative with your unique code that is within the enclosed "Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Your Information."

Sincerely,

Michele Fazio, Chief Financial Officer

**BAR Architects & Interiors** 

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## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

<u>Enrollment in Credit Monitoring Services.</u> To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <a href="https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate">https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate</a> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services:

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

Monitor Your Accounts and Credit Reports. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To obtain a free annual credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

**Report Suspected Fraud.** 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, your state Attorney General, and the FTC.

<u>Place Fraud Alerts.</u> You have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert, 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 lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

<u>Place Security Freeze.</u> As an alternative to a fraud alert, you 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 your 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 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 credit freeze, you should provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Address for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card); 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.

To place a fraud alert or credit freeze, contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

**TransUnion** Experian Equifax 1-800-916-8800 1-888-397-3742 1-888-378-4329 www.transunion.com www.experian.com www.equifax.com **Experian Fraud Alert TransUnion Fraud Alert Equifax Fraud Alert** P.O. Box 2000 P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 105069 Chester, PA 19016-2000 Allen, TX 75013 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 **TransUnion Credit Freeze Experian Credit Freeze Equifax Credit Freeze** P.O. Box 160 P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 105788 Woodlyn, PA 19094 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 Allen, TX 75013



Obtain 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 Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

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, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are a victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

For additional information on steps you may take to help protect your information from potential misuse, you may contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/contact-the-attorney-generals-office">https://www.mass.gov/contact-the-attorney-generals-office</a> or (617) 727-2200; or the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/ocabr">www.mass.gov/ocabr</a> or (888) 283-3757. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

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