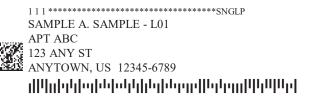
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May 8, 2024

Notice of Data Breach

Dear Sample A. Sample:

We are writing to let you know about a data security incident that may have affected some of your personal information. We take the protection of your information very seriously and are contacting you to explain the circumstances, the steps we have and continue to take in response, and the resources we are making available to you.

What Happened?

On or about March 20, 2024, Water Street Capital, Inc. ("Water Street") was the victim of a data security incident. Upon discovery, we took immediate action to resecure the impacted systems, investigate the incident, and report the incident to law enforcement.

What Information Was Involved?

Your personal information that was available through our impacted systems included, in part or whole, your name, contact information, date of birth, social security number, employee records, financial account information, and other information you may have provided to us. We are not aware of any misuse of your personal information.

What We Are Doing.

The privacy and security of your personal information is of utmost importance to us. As soon as we discovered this incident, we took prompt steps to secure our systems and investigate the matter. We also promptly reported the incident to law enforcement. We continue to monitor our systems and have introduced additional measures to further enhance our security defenses.

What You Can Do.

We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your personal records and monitor free credit reports. In addition, we want to make sure you are aware of steps you may take to guard against potential identity theft or fraud. Please review the enclosed "Important Identity Theft Information" for information about what you can do.

As an added precaution to help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for 24 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is <u>immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 24-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by August 30, 2024 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/credit
- Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at **833-931-8488** by **August 30, 2024**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B121703** as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

Additional Details Regarding Your 24-Month Experian IdentityWorks Membership

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE**TM: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

For More Information.

If you have further questions or concerns, or would like an alternative to enrolling online, please call **833-931-8488** toll-free Monday through Friday, from 9am - 9pm Eastern Time (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide your engagement number **B121703**.

Sincerely,

Gilchrist Berg

Principal Water Street Capital, Inc.

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Additional Ways to Protect Your Identity: Important Identity Theft Information

You may wish to take additional steps to protect your identity. Here are some we suggest you consider:

Reviewing Your Accounts and Credit Reports

Federal regulators recommend that you be especially vigilant for the next 12 to 24 months and that you promptly report incidents of suspected identity theft to your financial institution. As part of staying vigilant, you should regularly review your account statements, and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the three national credit reporting companies. Those companies are:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289
Equifax.com	Experian.com	Transunion.com
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O.	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O.
105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
5069	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze,
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O.	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA
Box 105788 Atlanta, GA		19094
30348-5788		

You can obtain your credit report from each of those companies for free once every 12 months. Free reports are available online at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>. You may also obtain a free report by calling toll free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>) to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. If you do not have any free credit reports left, you can still purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three credit reporting companies listed above.

Placing a Fraud Alert

A fraud alert tells lenders that they should verify your identification before they extend credit in your name. Each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies can place a fraud alert on your credit report.

If you wish to place a fraud alert, contact any one of the three credit reporting companies listed above. As soon as one company confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts as well.

Requesting a Security Freeze on Your Credit Report

A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from your credit report without written authorization. Placing, lifting, or removing a security freeze is free of charge.

If you wish to place a security freeze on your credit report, you must do so separately at each credit reporting company. The credit reporting companies do not notify each other about security freezes.

Please be aware that while a security freeze is in effect, it may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any request you make for new credit, loans, mortgages, employment, housing or other services that require a credit check. If you want to allow a credit check for those or other purposes, you will have to lift the security freeze by contacting each credit reporting company. Each credit reporting agency will provide you a PIN number or a password when you place a security freeze. You will need that PIN or password to lift the freeze, and should be careful to record it somewhere secure.

Suggestions if You Are a Victim of Identity Theft

If you find suspicious activity on your accounts or credit reports, or have other reason to believe your information is being misused, you should take the following steps:

<u>File a Police Report.</u> Get a copy of the report to submit to your creditors and others that may require proof of a crime.

<u>Contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC).</u> The FTC provides useful information to identity theft victims and maintains a database of identity theft cases for use by law enforcement agencies. If you file an identity theft complaint with the FTC, your case will be added to that database. You can find more information and file a complaint online at <u>www.IdentityTheft.gov</u>. You can also file a complaint by calling the FTC's toll-free Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You may also wish to obtain a copy of *Identity Theft: A Recovery Plan*, a guide from the FTC to help you guard against and deal with identity theft. It is available online at <u>https://www.bulkorder.ftc.gov/system/files/publications/</u>501a idt a recovery plan 508.pdf.

<u>Exercise Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).</u> You have certain legal rights under the FCRA. These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have credit reporting companies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. You can find more information about your rights under the FCRA online at <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</u>. The laws of your state may provide you with additional rights. Your state's attorney general or consumer protection department may be able to give you more information about your rights under state law.

<u>Keep a record of your contacts.</u> Start a file with copies of your credit reports, police reports, any correspondence, and copies of disputed bills. Keep a log of your conversations with creditors, law enforcement officials, credit reporting companies, and other relevant parties.

Special Information for Residents of the District of Columbia, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<u>District of Columbia residents</u> can learn more about preventing identity theft from the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General, by visiting their website at <u>https://oag.dc.gov/</u>, calling (202) 727-3400, or requesting more information via email <u>oag@dc.gov</u> or mail 400 6th Street NW, Washington DC 20001.

<u>Massachusetts residents</u> are reminded that you have the right to obtain a police report and request a security freeze as described above. There is no charge to place a security freeze on your account; however, you may be required to provide the credit reporting agency with certain personal information (such as your name, Social Security Number, date of birth and address) and proper identification (such as a copy of a government-issued ID card and a bill or statement) prior to its honoring your request.

<u>New York residents may</u> obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <u>https://ag.ny.gov/resources/individuals/credit-lending/identity-theft;</u> Telephone: 1.800.771.7755.