May 7, 2024

## RE: Notice of Data Breach

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Carolina Beverage Group LLC ("the Company" or "we") is writing to inform you of an incident that may have impacted some of your personal information. We collected personal information about you in the course of your employment with us. We want to provide you with details about our response to the incident and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

#### What We Discovered

We conducted a thorough review of business records compromised in the incident to identify the individuals whose information was contained in the records. We recently completed this review and determined that some of your information was included in the records. At this time, we have no evidence that any of your personal information has been or will be misused as a result of this incident.

#### What Information Was Involved

The impacted personal information relating to you includes your name and Social Security number.

#### **Additional Actions**

# Secured Our Systems

In response to this incident, we enhanced existing security measures to further fortify our network's security measures and protocols to protect employees' information, including leading industry security tools and improved monitoring, enhancing administrative and technical safeguards, and instituting more frequent and rigorous security training. We have no evidence that there is any ongoing threat to our system or network. We also reported this incident to law enforcement.

#### Offering Protection

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary 24-month membership of Experian's<sup>®</sup> IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and 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 or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 1-833-918-9469 by August 30, 2024. Be prepared to provide engagement number [Engagement Number] as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian. Also, for more information regarding membership to Experian IdentityWorks, please see the "Additional Details Regarding Your Experience IdentityWorks Membership" section of this letter.

#### What You Can Do

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. We recommend you review the information contained in the enclosed "Additional Resources" section of this letter. This section describes additional steps you can take to help protect your identity, 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.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at 1-833-918-9469. 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 (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 this Identity Restoration support 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 <a href="https://www.experianlDWorks.com/restoration">www.experianlDWorks.com/restoration</a>. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

#### For More Information

Protecting your information is important to us. Please be assured that we are committed to helping you protect your personal information and identity and ensuring that your information is safe and secure. We regret this incident and apologize for any concern it may cause you.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call 1-833-918-9469 Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Central Time, excluding some U.S. holidays.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kennerly, Corporate Director of Human Resources

#### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 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 agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

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## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting agencies:

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 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-888-4213

**Free Credit Report.** It is recommended that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity, especially activity that may indicate fraud and identity theft. 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.

**Fraud Alerts.** There are two types of fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for at least one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft and you have the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by contacting any of the three national credit reporting agencies.

**Security Freeze.** You have the ability to place a security freeze, also known as a credit freeze, on your credit report free of charge.

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 use an online process, an automated telephone line, or submit 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):

<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

(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 5 years; (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles; and (6) if you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft. 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, and display your name, 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 minimize the risks of identity theft.

## Federal Agency Contact Information

**Federal Trade Commission** 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580; 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); www.ftc.gov/idtheft; https://www.consumer.gov/

## **Additional Information Required By Massachusetts Law**

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. However, note that no police report has been filed as a result of this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

Under Massachusetts law, you have a right to request a "security freeze" on your consumer report at no charge, see the section above for information about requesting a security freeze. You should be aware that using a security freeze may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, housing, employment, investment, utilities, internet credit card transactions, or other services, including an extension of credit at a point of sale. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day to place the security freeze on your credit report following an online or telephone request and three (3) business days after receiving your mailed request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation of your mailed request to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both, that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze. It is important to maintain this PIN/password in a secure place, as you will need it to lift or remove the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze to permit a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or using their websites and you may need to include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number), the PIN number and/or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, and the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive access to your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your mailed request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time. If the request is made through a website or by phone, a credit reporting agency will lift a freeze within one hour.

Similarly, to remove the security freeze, you may make the request by telephone or send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or through its website and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your mailed request to remove the security freeze. If the request is made through a website or by phone, a credit reporting agency will remove a freeze within one hour. You may also temporarily lift a security freeze for a specified period of time rather than for a specific entity or individual, using the same contact information above.

To remove the security freeze, you must make a request to each of the credit reporting agencies by mail, through their website, or by phone (using the contact information above). You must provide prior identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have been one (1) hour (for requests made online) and three (3) business days (fore requests made by mail) after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.