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Enrollment Code: <<<Code>>>



November 8, 2021

## NOTICE OF DATA SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear <<<Name>>>:

Rampart Brokerage Corp. ("Rampart"), a division of The Hilb Group, LLC, recently learned that it experienced a data security incident that may have impacted your personal information. Rampart received your personal information in connection with an application for insurance from either you or your employer or if you are a spouse, dependent or beneficiary of a current or former employee of Rampart. Specifically, our investigation found that your name and driver's license number were present in files that were potentially exposed during this incident. We take the privacy and security of your information seriously, and sincerely apologize for any concern or inconvenience this may cause you. This letter contains information about steps you can take to protect your information and resources we are making available to help you.

# 1. What we are doing?

While we have no evidence that your information has been or is being used for malicious purposes, as a precaution, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert, at no charge to you. IDX identity protection services include: 24 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed id theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised. To enroll in free identity protection services by calling 1-833-903-3648 or going to <a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a> and using the Enrollment Code provided above. IDX representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is February 8, 2022.

Additionally, in response to this incident, we hired an independent third party to investigate and provide recommendations on steps we could take to enhance our existing security protocols. This includes, but is not limited to, contacting law enforcement and cooperating with their investigation, deploying additional security controls and threat detection software to strengthen our defenses and monitor our systems while we investigated this attack to close and remedy the system issue that led to the incident. We also enforced a system wide password reset, implemented multi-factor authentication on all accounts, and evaluated and updated network security protocols and procedures.

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## 2. What can you do?

It is always a good idea to review your bank account and other financial statements, and immediately contact your financial institution if you identify suspicious activity. We encourage you to contact Kroll with any questions and enroll in free identity theft protection services. 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. Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to 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.

Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports, and as of September 21, 2018, placing a freeze on your credit report is now free for all United States citizens. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, consumers must contact each of the three major consumer credit reporting agencies. Each have a dedicated web page for security freezes and fraud alerts:

Equifax: https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/

Experian: https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html TransUnion: https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

To request a security freeze by phone or mail, contact each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com); Experian (www.experian.com) and TransUnion (www.transunion.com) by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
U.S. Consumer Services	P.O. Box 9554	Fraud Victim Assistance
P.O. Box 105788	Allen, TX 75013	Department
Atlanta, GA 30348	888-397-3742	P.O. Box 6790
800-349-9960		Fullerton, CA 92834
		888-909-8872

If a request is made online or by phone, then the credit reporting agency must put the freeze in place no later than the next business day. In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. The addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill, telephone bill, rental agreement, or deed;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.);

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- 7. Social Security Card, pay stub, or W2;
- 8. 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.

If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one (1) hour. If the request is made by mail, the credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation 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.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must go to the website provided above, call the toll-free number, or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail. You will need proper identification (name, address, date of birth and social security number). Depending on the method you use, a PIN or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze may be required as well. You may also need to identify the entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available.

To remove the security freeze, you must go to the websites provided above, call the toll-free number, or send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail. You will need proper identification (name, address, date of birth and social security number). Depending on the credit reporting agency and method you used to freeze your credit, a PIN or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze may be required or requested.

#### For more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-833-903-3648 Monday through Friday from 9 am - 9 pm Eastern Time. Your trust is our top priority, and we deeply regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you.

Sincerely,

Gary Morris

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### **Recommended Steps to help Protect your Information**

- 1. Website and Enrollment. Go to <a href="https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect">https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</a> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.
- 2. Activate the credit monitoring provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- 3. Telephone. Contact IDX at 1-833-903-3648 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.
- **4. Review your credit reports**. We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing account statements and monitoring credit reports. Under federal law, you also are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To obtain a free annual credit report, go to <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call 1-877-322-8228. You may wish to stagger your requests so that you receive a free report by one of the three credit bureaus every four months.

If you discover any suspicious items and have enrolled in IDX identity protection, notify them immediately by calling or by logging into the IDX website and filing a request for help.

If you file a request for help or report suspicious activity, you will be contacted by a member of our ID Care team who will help you determine the cause of the suspicious items. In the unlikely event that you fall victim to identity theft as a consequence of this incident, you will be assigned an ID Care Specialist who will work on your behalf to identify, stop and reverse the damage quickly.

You should also know that you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some kind of proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

5. Place Fraud Alerts with the three credit bureaus. If you choose to place a fraud alert, we recommend you do this after activating your credit monitoring. You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. 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. The contact information for all three bureaus is as follows:

### **Credit Bureaus**

Equifax Fraud Reporting 1-866-349-5191 P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 www.equifax.com Experian Fraud Reporting 1-888-397-3742 P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 www.experian.com

TransUnion Fraud Reporting 1-800-680-7289 P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022-2000 www.transunion.com

It is necessary to contact only ONE of these bureaus and use only ONE of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well. You will receive confirmation letters in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review. An initial fraud alert will last for one year.

Please Note: No one is allowed to place a fraud alert on your credit report except you.

- 6. Security Freeze. By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personal identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. You will need to contact the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above to place the freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. There is no cost to freeze or unfreeze your credit files.
- 7. You can obtain additional information about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the following agencies. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them.

California Residents: Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (<a href="www.oag.ca.gov/privacy">www.oag.ca.gov/privacy</a>) for additional information on protection against identity theft.

Kentucky Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, <a href="https://www.ag.ky.gov">www.ag.ky.gov</a>, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

Maryland Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer">www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer</a>, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

New Mexico Residents: You have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from a violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201904">www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201904</a> cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/">https://ag.ny.gov/</a>.

North Carolina Residents: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="https://www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>, Telephone: 1-919-716-6400.

Oregon Residents: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, <a href="www.doj.state.or.us/">www.doj.state.or.us/</a>, Telephone: 877-877-9392

Rhode Island Residents: Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, <a href="https://www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>, Telephone: 401-274-4400

All US Residents: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, <a href="https://www.consumer.gov/idtheft">www.consumer.gov/idtheft</a>, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261.