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#### NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Harrison French & Associates Ltd. ("HFA") is writing to inform you of an incident that may involve some of your information. While we are unaware of any actual misuse of your information, we are providing you with notice of the incident, steps we are taking in response, and resources available to help you better protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so. At this time, we have no indication that your information was subject to actual or attempted misuse as a result of this incident.

HFA takes this incident and security of your information seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to investigate and respond with the assistance of third-party cyber security specialists. This investigation and response included confirming the security of our systems, reviewing the contents of relevant data for sensitive information, and notifying impacted individuals associated with that sensitive information. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are reviewing our policies, procedures, and processes related to the storage and access of personal information, and additional workforce training is being conducted to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event. We will also notify applicable regulatory authorities, as required by law.

As an added precaution, we are also offering two years of complimentary access to credit monitoring, fraud consultation, and identity theft restoration services through Experian. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the attached enrollment instructions.

# **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> 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 September 30, 2022 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: 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 Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (888) 994-0268 by September 30, 2022. Be prepared to provide engagement number B055022 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**<sup>TM</sup>: 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.
- \* 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.

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

We encourage you to remain vigilant against potential incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. If you have additional concerns regarding the security of your banking information, please contact your bank directly for assistance. Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers 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 display on a consumer's credit file, 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, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers 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 the consumer's 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 to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report 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 will need to provide the following information:

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

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/person al/credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/c redit-help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-395-6938
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

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.

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 consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have



This notice may be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, HFA does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Massachusetts law, the applicability of the Massachusetts data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

#### Nature of the Data Event

On March 31, 2022, HFA identified suspicious activity related to certain systems within its environment. HFA immediately took steps to secure its network, and launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists to determine the nature and scope of the activity. Through the investigation, HFA determined that an unknown actor gained access to certain systems on March 30, 2022. As a result, the unauthorized actor may have had access to certain files within these systems and information may have been accessed or acquired by the unauthorized actor during this incident. HFA began a diligent and comprehensive review to identify information that may have been contained within the impacted files and to identify the individuals whose information may have been present. Once that review was complete, HFA conducted a time-intensive review of our records to locate contact information for purposes of notifying the potentially impacted individuals.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, Social Security number, Driver's License number, and financial account information.

#### Notice to Massachusetts Residents

On or about June 27, 2022, HFA provided written notice of this incident to eighty-nine (89) Massachusetts residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

### Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, HFA moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of HFA systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, HFA notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. HFA is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. HFA is providing access to credit monitoring services for two (2) years, through Experian, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, HFA is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. HFA is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

HFA is providing written notice of this incident to other state regulators, as necessary.

Please be advised that, pursuant to G.L. c. 93H § 3(b), HFA maintains a written information security program (WISP) for the protection of personal information of residents of Massachusetts.

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 and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

If you have additional questions, or need assistance please call our dedicated assistance line at (888) 994-0268, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM ET and Saturday through Sunday 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM ET. You may also write to HFA at 1705 S Walton Blvd. Suite 3, Bentonville, AR 72712.

We take this incident very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident caused you.

Sincerely,

CEO

Harrison French & Associates Ltd.