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Dear <<Name 1>>:

RE: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc. (“Diamond Comic”) values and respects the privacy of your information, which is why we are writing to advise you of an incident that may have involved some of your personal information. <<Variable Text 1>> We have no reason to believe that your personal information has been misused for the purpose of committing fraud or identity theft. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, we are writing to advise you about the incident and to provide you with guidance on what you can do to protect yourself, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? Upon discovering that an unknown, unauthorized third party encrypted some of our files in a ransomware attack, we promptly took steps to secure our systems and began an internal investigation. We also notified law enforcement and engaged a forensic security firm to investigate and confirm the security of our email and computer systems. The investigation determined that an unknown third party accessed our systems from November 2, 2021 to November 5, 2021. The investigation also determined that certain personal information may have been accessed and/or acquired from our systems as a part of the incident.

What Information Was Involved? We reviewed the contents of the involved data to identify if it contained any personal information and determined it included your name, together with your <<Variable Text 2>>.

What We Are Doing. In addition to the actions described above, we have also taken numerous steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future, including enhancing our technical security measures, and as a further precaution, we have eliminated older personal information housed in our data files. We are also offering a complimentary two-year membership of *myTrueIdentity*, provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. *myTrueIdentity* is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. **For more information on identity theft prevention and *myTrueIdentity*, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary two-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.**

What You Can Do. While it is our belief the data in our systems was not used in any untoward manner, we nonetheless encourage you to take advantage of the complimentary credit monitoring included in this letter. You can also find more information on steps to protect yourself against possible identity theft or fraud in the enclosed *Additional Important Information* page.

For More Information. We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call 855-404-7847 from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Eastern, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc.



Activation Code: <<Activation Code>>

To enroll in this service, go directly to the *myTrueIdentity* website at www.mytrueidentity.com and in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code", enter the following unique 12-letter Activation Code <<Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.

If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper based, credit monitoring service, via U.S. Mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at **1-855-288-5422**. When prompted, enter the following 6-digit telephone pass code <<Engagement Number>> and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain 24 months of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and VantageScore® credit score by TransUnion. The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion®, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, change of address and more. The service also includes the ability to lock and unlock your TransUnion credit report online, access to identity restoration services that provides assistance in the event your identity is compromised to help you restore your identity and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

You can sign up for the *myTrueIdentity* online credit monitoring service anytime between now and <<Enrollment Deadline>>. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have credit file at TransUnion®, or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number, or are under the age of 18. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

If you have questions about your *myTrueIdentity* online credit monitoring benefits, need help with your online enrollment, or need help accessing your credit report, or passing identity verification, please contact the *myTrueIdentity* Customer Service Team toll-free at: 1-844-787-4607, Monday-Friday: 8am- 9pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm Eastern time.

Additional Important Information

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

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. A security freeze can be placed without any charge. 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.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies by regular, certified or overnight mail at the addresses below or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online security freeze request procedures:

Equifax Security Freeze
1-888-298-0045
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

Trans Union Security Freeze
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094

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. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior 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, military identification, etc.); and
7. 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 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 call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for lifting a security freeze, 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 as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive 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 request to lift the security freeze for those identified entities or for the specified period of time.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail or, if available, comply with the consumer reporting agencies' online procedures for removing a security freeze, 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 request to remove the security freeze.

Credit Reports: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax
1-866-349-5191
www.equifax.com
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion
1-800-888-4213
www.transunion.com
P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016

Fraud Alerts: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Washington, DC Residents: Washington, DC residents can obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at: 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; www.oag.dc.gov.