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August 27, 2020

# VIA U.S. MAIL

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: The Deck Store – Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents The Deck Store. I am writing to provide notification of an incident at The Deck Store that may affect the security of personal information of approximately fifty-two (52) New Hampshire residents. The Deck Store's investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, The Deck Store does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

The Deck Store recently discovered that its e-commerce website was modified with malicious code that acted to capture payment card data as it was entered on the website in connection with a purchase. The Deck Store immediately engaged external forensic investigators and data privacy professionals and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation into the incident. As a result of this review, The Deck Store determined that the payment card information potentially accessed and/or acquired related to transactions made through its online store between March 16, 2020 and July 9, 2020. The information that may have been accessed and/or acquired in this incident included customer names, credit or debit card numbers, card expiration dates and CVVs (3 or 4 digit codes on the front or back of the cards). The Deck Store discovered on July 28, 2020 that the affected residents completed transactions at its website during the window of compromise and their card information may be at risk. No other personal information is at risk as a result of this incident.

Out of an abundance of caution, The Deck Store wanted to inform you (and the affected residents) of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected residents against identity fraud. The Deck Store is providing the affected residents with written notification of this incident commencing on or about August 27, 2020 in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. The Deck Store is advising the affected residents about the process for placing fraud alerts and/or security freezes on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected residents are being advised to contact their financial institutions to inquire whether new cards should be issued to them. The affected residents are also being

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provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

At The Deck Store, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. The Deck Store has implemented enhanced security safeguards to help protect against similar intrusions. The Deck Store is also conducting ongoing monitoring of its website to ensure that it is secure and cleared of any malicious activity.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248) 220-1356 or dpaluzzi@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dominic A. Paluzzi

Encl.



Return Mail Processing Center P.O. Box 6336 Portland, OR 97228-6336



Dear

We are writing to make you aware of a recent data security incident involving potential unauthorized access to some of our customers' payment card data used at www.thedevckstoreonline.com. The privacy and security of your personal information is of utmost importance to The Deck Store and we are routinely evaluating and improving our security and payment systems to ensure your information is secure.

### What Happened?

We recently discovered that our e-commerce website was modified with malicious code that acted to capture payment card data as it was entered on the website in connection with a purchase. We immediately engaged external forensic investigators and data privacy professionals and commenced a prompt and thorough investigation into the incident. As a result of this review, we determined that the payment card information potentially accessed and/or acquired related to transactions made through our online store between March 16, 2020 and July 9, 2020.

#### What Information Was Involved?

The information that may have been accessed and/or acquired in this incident included customer name, credit or debit card number, card expiration date and CVV (3 or 4 digit code on the front or back of the card). We discovered on July 28, 2020 that you completed a transaction at our website during the window of compromise and your card information may be at risk. No other personal information of yours is at risk as a result of this incident.

### What We Are Doing

Because we value our relationship with you, we wanted to make you aware of the incident. We also wanted to let you know what we are doing to further secure your information, and suggest steps you can take. Since learning of the incident, we have implemented enhanced security safeguards to help protect against similar intrusions. We are also conducting ongoing monitoring of our website to ensure that it is secure and cleared of any malicious activity.

#### What You Can Do

Below you will find precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

As a best practice, you should also call your bank or card issuer if you see any suspicious transactions. The policies of the payment card brands such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover provide that you are not liable for any unauthorized charges if you report them in a timely manner. You should also ask your bank or card issuer whether a new card should be issued to you.

### For More Information

Your trust is a top priority for The Deck Store and we deeply regret the inconvenience this may have caused. The privacy and protection of our customers' information is a matter we take seriously.

Thank you,

The Deck Store

### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

### 1. Placing a Fraud Alert.

You may place an initial one-year "Fraud Alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.equifax.com
1-800-525-6285

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com
1-888-397-3742

TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 www.transunion.com 1-800-680-7289

## 2. Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "Security Freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to <u>ail</u> three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze PO Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.freeze.equifax.com 1-800-349-9960 Experian Security Freeze PO Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze 1-888-397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 http://www.transunion.com/ securityfreeze 1-888-909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

### 3. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

### 4. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.