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January 6, 2021

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03302

Re: Notification of Security Incident

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We are writing to inform you that our client, General Datatech, LP ("GDT") an IT solutions provider and network integrator, is notifying approximately 4 individuals who reside in New Hampshire of a data security incident that may have impacted some of their personal information.

On November 11, 2020, GDT suffered a ransomware attack on its computer network server. Fortunately, GDT was able to contain the attack and restore the network server from its backup system which was untouched, without paying the ransom demand. While GDT has no reason to believe that any personal information was accessed by the attackers, the fileshare system contained individuals' name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and direct deposit information.

GDT takes the security of the information in its control seriously and has taken measures to reduce the likelihood of a future cyberattack, including increased network security measures and employee training to recognize external attacks.

GDT is providing notice on January 6, 2021. An example of the notification is attached. The three credit reporting agencies are also being notified. For potentially affected individuals, GDT is offering, at no cost, identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. Those services include 24 months of credit and CyberScan monitoring as well as identity theft recovery services.

Please contact me for any additional information.

Best Regards.

Kevin M. Scott Shareholder



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Enrollment Code: [XXXXXXXX]

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>

January 6, 2021

Dear <<FirstName>> <<LastName>>.

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have impacted some of your personal information. We take the security of your personal information very seriously, and we sincerely apologize for any concern this incident may cause. This letter contains information about what happened, actions we have taken to prevent a reoccurrence, and steps you can take to protect your information.

### What happened?

On November 11, 2020, we suffered a ransomware attack on our computer network server. Ransomware is a computer virus that encrypts computer systems until and unless we pay money (i.e., the ransom) demanded by the attackers. Fortunately, we were able to contain the attack and restore the network server from our backup system which was untouched, avoiding having to pay the ransom demanded. We believe it is likely the attacker only wanted ransom money but, in an abundance of caution, we are letting you know that your information was accessible to the attackers.

### What information was involved?

While we have no reason to believe that your personal information was accessed by the attackers, the fileshare system contained your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and direct deposit information.

### What we are doing.

We take the security of your information seriously and have taken measures to reduce the likelihood of a future cyber-attack, including increased network security measures and employee training to recognize external attacks.

In addition, we are offering identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. 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.

We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in free identity protection services by calling (833) 754-1804 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 8 am - 8 pm Central Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is April 6, 2021.

# What you can do.

Although we have no reports of misuse of your or anyone's information, we encourage you to follow the instructions in this letter and enroll in the identity protection services we are providing at no cost to you. We also recommend that you review the additional information enclosed, which contains important steps you can take to further protect your personal information.

# For more information.

If you have any questions, please call (833) 754-1804, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Central Time. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,

Tom Ducatelli CEO



# **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 (833) 754-1804 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="https://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.

### Additional Important Information

For residents of *Hawaii*, *Illinois*, *Iowa*, *Maryland*, *Michigan*, *Missouri*, *North Carolina*, *Virginia*, and *Vermont*: It is recommended that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing payment card account statements and monitoring your credit reports for unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, 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 at <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</a>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of *Iowa*: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of *Oregon*: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

**For residents of New Mexico:** You are advised to review personal account statements and credit reports, as applicable, to detect errors resulting from the security incident, and that you have rights pursuant to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. Please see the contact information for the Federal Trade Commission listed below.

### For residents of Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island:

You can obtain information from the Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

Maryland Office of the	Rhode Island Office of the	North Carolina Office of the	Federal Trade Commission
Attorney General	Attorney General	Attorney General	Consumer Response Center
Consumer Protection Division	Consumer Protection	Consumer Protection Division	600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
200 St. Paul Place	150 South Main Street	9001 Mail Service Center	Washington, DC 20580
Baltimore, MD 21202	Providence RI 02903	Raleigh, NC 27699-9001	1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)
1-888-743-0023	1-401-274-4400	1-877-566-7226	www.identitytheft.gov
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(https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\_Alert\_Request\_Form.pdf), Experian (https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html), or Transunion (https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert). 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. Initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. 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 need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (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 five years; (5) Proof of current address, such as current utility or telephone bill, bank or insurance statement; (6) legible photocopy of 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. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. It is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

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P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013-9544 www.experian.com/freeze/center.html 888-397-3742 TransUnion (FVAD)

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