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## VIA U.S. MAIL

Consumer Protection Bureau Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Hyde Shipping Corporation ("Hyde Shipping") located at 3740 West 104th Street, Suite 1 Hialeah, FL 33018, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to one (1) New Hampshire resident. This notice may be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Hyde Shipping does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

### Nature of the Data Event

On or around July 13, 2022, Hyde Shipping became aware of suspicious activity related to an employee email account. Hyde Shipping immediately initiated an investigation into the nature and scope of the event with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists. The investigation determined that an unauthorized individual accessed the employee's email account between February 12, 2022, and July 12, 2022. Hyde Shipping then undertook a comprehensive and time-consuming review of the contents of the affected email account to determine the full universe of information present that could have been subject to unauthorized access. On September 21, 2022, Hyde Shipping completed this comprehensive review and identified the scope of the information at risk and the population potentially impacted. Since this time, Hyde Shipping worked diligently to confirm the address information for the individuals who may be impacted and the types of information at issue for each individual. Hyde Shipping has no evidence that the information was actually viewed without authorization, but they are unable to rule out this possibility. Furthermore, Hyde Shipping is not aware of any actual or attempted misuse of sensitive information as a result of this incident.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, Social Security number, passport number, and credit or debit card information.

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## Notice to New Hampshire Resident

On November 10, 2022, Hyde Shipping provided written notice of this incident to one (1) New Hampshire resident. 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, Hyde Shipping moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Hyde Shipping systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Hyde Shipping is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Hyde Shipping is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year through Kroll to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Hyde Shipping 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. Hyde Shipping 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.

Hyde Shipping is providing written notice of this incident to relevant state regulators, as necessary, and to the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

### Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4839.

Very truly yours,

Rebecca J. Jones of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT A**



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<<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>
<<address\_1>>
<<address\_2>>
<<city>>, <<state\_province>> <<postal\_code>>

<< Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

## <<br/>b2b\_text\_1 (Notice of Data Incident/ Breach)>>

Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>:

Hyde Shipping Corporation ("Hyde Shipping") is writing to notify you of an incident that may have impacted the privacy of some of your personal information. We are providing you with information about the incident, our response to it, and resources available to you to help protect your information, should you wish to do so.

What Happened? On or around July 13, 2022, Hyde Shipping became aware of suspicious activity related to an employee email account. We immediately initiated an investigation into the nature and scope of the event with the assistance of third-party computer forensic specialists. The investigation determined that an unauthorized individual accessed the employee's email account between February 12, 2022, and July 12, 2022. Hyde Shipping then undertook a comprehensive and time-consuming review of the contents of the affected email account to determine the full universe of information present that could have been subject to unauthorized access. On September 21, 2022, we completed this comprehensive review and determined that the account contained information related to you. We have no evidence that your specific information was actually viewed without authorization, but we are unable to rule out this possibility.

What Information Was Involved? The investigation determined that your << b2b\_text\_2 ("name" and data elements)>> may have been impacted by this event.

What We Are Doing. We take this event and the security of your information seriously. Upon learning of the event, we immediately took steps to secure the affected email account and investigated the incident with computer forensics specialists. We have also taken additional steps to improve our security and reduce the likelihood of a similar event in the future.

Additionally, we are offering identity monitoring services for 12 months through Kroll, at no cost to you. Please note that the services will not be automatically activated. Should you wish to do so, you will need to activate the services, as we are not able to do so on your behalf. You may find instructions on how to activate these services in the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. You may also review the information contained in the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information. There you will also find more information on the identity monitoring services we are making available to you.

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For More Information. We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions or need assistance, please call (855) 926-1364, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding major U.S. holidays. You may also write to Hyde Shipping at 3740 West 104th Street, Suite 1 Hialeah, FL 33018.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you. Protecting your information is very important to us, and we remain committed to safeguarding the information in our care.

Sincerely,

Alfred C. McNab Hyde Shipping Corporation

# STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

## **Activate Identity Monitoring**

To help relieve concerns and restore confidence following this incident, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for one year. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until <<br/>b2b\_text\_6 (activation date)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: << Membership Number s\_n>>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

## KROLL

# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

## Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

## Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

## **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge. To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

## Monitor Your Accounts

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 www.annualcreditreport.com 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 1-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 security freeze, you may need to provide the following information, depending on whether the request is made online, by phone, or by mail:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 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 fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/ credit-help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	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

## Additional Information

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; www. identitytheft.gov; 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 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.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag@dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us. Hyde Shipping Corporation is located is 3740 West 104th Street, Suite 1 Hialeah, FL 33018.

For 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 bureaus 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 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. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_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.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov/.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.