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# INTENDED FOR ADDRESSEE(S) ONLY

# 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

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent J.D. England Management, Inc. ("J.D. England") which owns and operates the Best Western Inn Tooele located at 365 N. Main Street, Tooele, Utah 84074, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of personal information relating to certain individuals. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice may be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, J.D. England 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

In late 2019, J.D. England became aware of suspicious activity on the front desk computer of the Best Western Inn Tooele. J.D. England launched an investigation into this reported activity. J.D. England determined that the front desk computer was subject to unauthorized remote access August 31, 2019 to September 1, 2019 and a folder containing certain guest information was viewed. A vendor was then retained to review the contents of the folder to see whether it contained any sensitive guest information. On November 12, 2019, the vendor completed this review and determined that the folder viewed by the unauthorized actor contained information related to fourteen (14) New Hampshire residents. Through its investigation and review, J.D. England determined that the following types of information related to New Hampshire residents were potentially viewed by the unauthorized actor: name and driver's license number.

# Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On January 17, 2020, J.D. England began providing written notice of this incident to affected individuals, which includes fourteen (14) New Hampshire 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, J.D. England moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of J.D. England's systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. J.D. England is providing individuals with information accessible within the account access to one (1) year of complimentary credit monitoring services.

Additionally, J.D. England 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. J.D. England 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. J.D. England is also notifying state regulators and the consumer reporting agencies as necessary.

## **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4788.

Very truly yours,

Paul McGurkin of

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# **EXHIBIT** A

# JD England Management, Inc.

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<<city>>, <<state_province>> <<postal_code>>
<<country >>
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Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>,

J.D. England Management, Inc. ("J.D. England") which owns and operates the Best Western Inn Tooele writes to notify you of a recent incident that may affect the security of some of your personal information. While there is currently no evidence that your information has been misused as a result of this incident, we are providing you with information on the event, steps we have taken in response, and information on how you can help protect your personal information should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? In late 2019, J.D. England became aware of suspicious activity on the front desk computer of the Best Western Inn Tooele. J.D. England launched an investigation into this reported activity. J.D. England determined that the front desk computer was subject to unauthorized remote access August 31, 2019 to September 1, 2019 and a folder containing certain guest information was viewed. A vendor was then retained to review the contents of the folder to see whether it contained any sensitive guest information. On November 12, 2019, the vendor completed this review and determined that the folder viewed by the unauthorized actor contained information related to you.

What Information Was Involved? The investigation determined that the folder viewed by the unauthorized actor contained <<b2b\_text\_1(Impacted data)>>.

What We Are Doing. Information privacy and security are among our highest priorities. J.D. England has strict security measures in place to safeguard information in our care. Upon learning of this incident, J.D. England took steps to confirm and further strengthen the security of our systems. As an added precaution, J.D. England continues to review its security policies and procedures as part of its ongoing commitment to information security.

While we have no evidence of actual misuse of your personal information, we secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring services at no cost to you for one year. Information on how to activate these services may be found in the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Against Identity Theft and Fraud."

What You Can Do. You may review the information contained in the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Against Identity Theft and Fraud" for guidance on how to better protect your personal information. You may also activate the identity monitoring services we are making available to you as we are unable to activate these services on your behalf.

**For More Information.** We understand you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. To ensure your questions are answered in a timely manner, we established a dedicated call center which can be reached at 1-???-?????. Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MST.

J.D. England takes the privacy and security of the personal information in our care very seriously. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely.

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President

J.D. England Management, Inc.

## Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Against Identity Theft and Fraud

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 <<IDMonitoring URL>> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until << Date>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: << Member ID>>>

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security 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 security 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 security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 2000	PO Box 105788
Chester, PA 19016	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-909-8872	1-800-685-1111
www.transunion.com/credit-freeze	www.equifax.com/personal/credit- report-services
	P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 1-888-909-8872

In order to request a security freeze, you will 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;

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- 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.);
- 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.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your 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 agencies listed below:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 2002	P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 105069
Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016	Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289	1-888-766-0008
w.experian.com/fraud/center.html	www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-	www.equifax.com/personal/credit-
•	resource/place-fraud-alert	report-services

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); 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 Maryland residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-410-528-8662, www.oag.state.md.us.

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 agencies 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 North Carolina residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000, www.ncdoj.gov. You can obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903; www.riag.ri.gov, 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are XX Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

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



## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You've been provided with access to the following services<sup>1</sup> 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 can help you determine if it's 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 can dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

<sup>1</sup> 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.