

March 18, 2021

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Via electronic-mail: DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov; AttorneyGeneral@doj.nh.gov

Attorney General Gordon McDonald

Consumer Protection Bureau Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03302

Re:	Our Client	:	Manson Construction Co.
	Matter	:	Data Security Incident on May 24, 2020
	Wilson Elser File #	:	16516.01003

Dear Attorney General McDonald:

We represent Manson Construction Co. ("MCC"), headquartered in Seattle, Washington, with respect to a data security incident described in more detail below. MCC takes the security and privacy of the information in its control seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

This letter will serve to inform you of the nature of the security breach, the number of New Hampshire residents being notified, what information has been compromised, and the steps that MCC is taking to restore the integrity of the system. We have also enclosed hereto a sample of the notification made to the potentially impacted individuals, which includes an offer of free credit monitoring.

1. <u>Nature of the Security Incident</u>

On May 24, 2020, MCC was the target of a cybersecurity incident. An unauthorized third party attempted to infiltrate MCC's computer systems. This incident may have resulted in the exposure of personal information that is located on MCC's systems, including full name, mailing address, birthdate and social security number.

MCC, however, is not aware of any evidence that information has been misused. MCC has not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident (May 24, 2020 to present).

2. Number of New Hampshire Residents Affected

A total of three (3) residents of New Hampshire were potentially affected by this security incident. Notification letters to these individuals will be mailed on March 18, 2021, by first class mail. A sample copy of the notification letters are included with this letter.

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3. Steps Taken

Upon learning of this incident, MCC moved quickly to institute a response plan, which included conducting an investigation with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists and engaging in steps to confirm the security of any relevant systems. Law enforcement was notified. MCC has reviewed, altered and enhanced its policies and procedures relating to the security of its systems and servers, as well as its information life cycle management.

4. Contact Information

MCC remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Ross.Molina@WilsonElser.com or 504.702.1726.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Ross M. Molina

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Enclosure: Sample Notification Letters

C/O IDX P.O Box 989728 West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

Via First-Class Mail

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>> <<Variable Data2>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>> MANSONCONSTRUCTION.COM

To enroll in free credit monitoring, call: (833) 416-0856

Or visit: <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u>

Enrollment Code: <<<u>Enrollment Code</u>>>

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Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>,

We are writing in order to inform you of an incident that may have exposed your sensitive personal information. We take the security of your personal information seriously and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information.

What Happened and What Information was Involved?:

Manson Construction Co. ("MCC") experienced a data security incident on May 24, 2020. Upon detection, we immediately took steps to investigate and determine the nature of the incident, as well as enhance our network security measures. A comprehensive investigation was also done to identify any instances of sensitive data compromise. After finding no specific instances of sensitive data misuse, MCC arranged for notification of all individuals whose information could have been compromised.

Accordingly, this letter serves to notify you that although we have found no evidence that your information has been specifically accessed for misuse, it is possible that your full name, mailing address, and social security number could have been exposed to an unauthorized third-party.

We maintained this contractor and vendor information on our system for standard billing, invoicing, and other contract administration purposes.

As of this writing, MCC has not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident.

What We Are Doing:

Upon detecting this incident, we moved quickly to initiate our incident response, which included conducting an investigation with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists and confirming the security of our network environment. We have reviewed and altered our policies and procedures relating to the security of our systems and servers, as well as our information life cycle management.

We have also secured free credit monitoring services for all affected individuals, as set forth in full below.

What You Can Do:

We encourage you to contact IDX with any questions and to enroll in **free credit monitoring** through IDX services by calling (833) 416-0856 or going to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and using the Enrollment Code provided

above. IDX is available Monday through Friday 9 am – 9 pm Eastern Time. Please note the deadline to enroll is **June 18**, **2021**.

Again, at this time, there is no evidence that your information has been misused. However, we encourage you to take full advantage of this service offering. IDX representatives have been fully versed on the incident and can answer questions or concerns you may have regarding protection of your personal information.

Enclosed with this letter is additional information regarding the resources available to you, and the steps that you can take to further protect your personal information.

For More Information:

We recognize that you may have questions not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call IDX services at (833) 416-0856.

Manson Construction Co. values the security of the personal data that we protect, and please accept my sincere apology that this incident occurred.

Sincerely,

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With enclosure

Additional Information

Credit Reports: 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 <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>, 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 <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</u>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

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; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze	Experian Security Freeze	TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-800-349-9960	1-888-397-3742	1-800-909-8872
https://www.equifax.com/person	www.experian.com/freeze/cente	www.transunion.com/credit-
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Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax (<u>https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf</u>);
- TransUnion (<u>https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts</u>); or
- Experian (<u>https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html</u>).

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. As of September 21, 2018, 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.

File Police Report: You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

FTC and Attorneys General: 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, <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>, 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. 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, 1-888-743-0023, and <u>www.oag.state.md.us</u>.

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 violators. 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 <u>www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-underfcra.pdf</u> 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 1-919-716-6400, and <u>www.ncdoj.gov</u>.

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, and <u>https://ag.ny.gov/</u>.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, <u>www.riag.ri.gov</u>, and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident.

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We maintained this employee information on our system for standard payroll, benefits administration and other employment purposes.

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Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-800-349-9960	1-888-397-3742	1-800-909-8872
https://www.equifax.com/person	www.experian.com/freeze/cente	www.transunion.com/credit-
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