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August 29, 2023

**VIA E-MAIL (ATTORNEYGENERAL@DOJ.NH.GOV)**

The Honorable John Formella  
Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire  
Office of the Attorney General  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re:     *Supplemental Notification of Data Security Incident***

Dear Attorney John Formella:

This notice is supplemental to the notice we provided on July 28, 2023, regarding a data incident at MW Components (“MW”). While MW is providing this supplemental notice pursuant to N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 359-C:20, MW does not waive any rights or defenses relating to the incident or this notice.

**NATURE OF THE INCIDENT**

On March 26, 2023, MW Components discovered that it was the victim of a ransomware attack. Upon identifying the incident, MW Components promptly began an internal investigation, notified law enforcement, and worked to secure their systems. MW Components also engaged a forensic security firm to assist with the investigation.

The forensic investigation determined that an unknown, unauthorized third party accessed certain MW Components computer systems between March 1, 2023 and March 26, 2023 and may have acquired certain documents from the MW systems during this period. MW Components reviewed the contents of the potentially-acquired documents to determine if they contained any personal information.

On May 19, 2023, MW Components completed their review and determined that the documents contained personal information for certain individuals. The involved information varied by person but included one or more of the following:



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At this point, MW Components is not aware of any fraud or identity theft to any individual as a result of this incident.

### **NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS**

MW Components identified an additional two (2) residents of New Hampshire whose personal information may have been involved in the incident. As a result, the total number of New Hampshire residents whose personal information may have been involved in the incident is five (5). MW Components will be notifying the additional individuals via letters mailed by USPS First Class Mail on August 28, 2023. The notification letters describe the incident and the information involved, provide information on ways the individuals can protect themselves against potential fraud and identity theft, and include an offer of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to those whose information were included in the systems. Enclosed is a sample copy of the letter.

### **STEPS TAKEN RELATING TO THE INCIDENT**

MW Components promptly began an internal investigation, notified law enforcement, and worked to secure their systems. MW Components also engaged a forensic security firm to assist with the investigation and to confirm the security of MW Components' computer systems. As mentioned, MW Components is notifying individuals whose personal information may have been involved in the incident and is offering complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services to those individuals whose information were involved. MW Components is also reviewing its information security policies and evaluating methods to reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any further information concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

Alexander D. Boyd

Enclosure



Secure Processing Center  
P.O. Box 3826  
Suwanee, GA 30024

<<Name 1>>  
<<Address 1>>  
<<Address 2>>  
<<City>><<State>><<Zip>>

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Dear <<Name 1>>:

RE: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

MW Components values and respects the privacy of your information, which is why we are writing to advise you of a recent incident that may have involved some of your personal information. This letter explains the incident, the steps MW Components has taken in response, and information on steps you may take to help protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

**What Happened?** On March 26, 2023, MW Components discovered that it was the victim of a ransomware attack. Upon identifying the incident, we promptly began an internal investigation, notified law enforcement, and worked to secure our systems. We also engaged a forensic security firm to assist with our investigation. The forensic investigation determined that an unknown, unauthorized third party accessed certain MW Components computer systems between March 1, 2023 and March 26, 2023. The investigation indicated that the third party may have acquired certain documents from our systems during this period.

**What Information Was Involved?** We reviewed the contents of the potentially acquired documents to determine if they contained any personal information. On May 19, 2023, we completed our review and determined that the documents contained personal information that included your <<Breached Elements>>.

**What We Are Doing.** In addition to the actions described above, we have taken steps to reduce the risk of this type of incident occurring in the future, including enhancing our technical security measures. Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft involving your information, we are also offering a complimentary membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on prompt identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. **For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.**

**What You Can Do.** While we have no evidence that your personal information has been misused, we encourage you to take advantage of the complimentary credit monitoring included in this letter. You can also find more information on steps to protect yourself against possible identity theft or fraud in the enclosed *Additional Important Information* sheet.

**For More Information.** We value the trust you place in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

MW Components

## ACTIVATING YOUR COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary** one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

### Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: <<Enrollment Deadline>> (Your code will not work after this date.)
2. VISIT the **Experian IdentityWorks website** to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit>
3. PROVIDE the **Activation Code**: <<Activation Code>>

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at Be prepared to provide engagement number <<Engagement Number>> as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance<sup>\*\*</sup>:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

**What you can do to protect your information:** There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration) for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 7.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

### Additional Important Information

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

**Credit Reports:** You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action>.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Equifax  
1-866-349-5191  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
P.O. Box 740241  
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
P.O. Box 2002  
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion  
1-800-888-4213  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016

**Fraud Alerts:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

**Credit and Security Freezes:** You may have the right to place a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A credit freeze can be placed without any charge and is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information:

Equifax Security Freeze  
1-888-298-0045  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348

Experian Security Freeze  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion Security Freeze  
1-888-909-8872  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)  
P.O. Box 160  
Woodlyn, PA 19094

This notification was not delayed by law enforcement.

Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfc\\_consumer-rights-summary\\_2018-09.pdf](https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfc_consumer-rights-summary_2018-09.pdf), or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

**Iowa Residents:** Iowa residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Iowa Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319, 515-281-5164.

**Maryland Residents:** Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023, <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

**New York State Residents:** New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>; (800) 771-7755.

**North Carolina Residents:** North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

**Vermont Residents:** If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).