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January 14, 2021

## VIA U.S. MAIL

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

## Re: <u>Notice of Data Event</u>

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Spinnaker Management Group ("Spinnaker") located at 10497 Town & Country Way, Suite 700 Houston, TX 77024, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of some personal information relating to fifteen (15) New Hampshire residents. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Spinnaker 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 about November 13, 2020, Spinnaker became aware of suspicious activity related to a certain Spinnaker email account. Spinnaker immediately launched an investigation, with the assistance of its third-party IT support team, to determine the nature and scope of the activity. Spinnaker's investigation determined that there was unauthorized access to the affected email account from October 6, 2020 to November 12, 2020. Spinnaker reviewed the contents of the impacted account and, on December 31, 2020, confirmed the identities of impacted individuals whose sensitive information was contained in the account.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, and Social Security number.

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### Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On or about January 14, 2021, Spinnaker began providing written notice of this incident to all affected individuals, which includes fifteen (15) 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 suspicious activity on one of its email accounts, Spinnaker moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Spinnaker email accounts, and notify potentially affected individuals. Spinnaker has instituted multi-factor authentication ("MFA") for its Microsoft accounts. Spinnaker is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Spinnaker is providing access to credit monitoring services for 24 months through Epiq, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Spinnaker 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. Spinnaker is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, information on protecting against tax fraud, 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.

## **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4842.

Very truly yours,

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Vincent F. Regan of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# EXHIBIT A



Return Mail Processing Center P.O. Box 6336 Portland, OR 97228-6336

<<Mail ID>> <<Name 1>> <<Name 2>> <<Address 1>> <<Address 2>> <<Address 3>> <<Address 4>> <<Address 5>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>

<<Date>>

### **RE: Notice of Data Breach**

Dear <</Name 1>>:

Spinnaker Management Group, LLC ("Spinnaker") writes to notify you of an incident that may affect the privacy of some of your information. We take this incident seriously, and this letter provides details of the incident, our response, and steps you may take to better protect against possible misuse of your personal information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

*What Happened?* Spinnaker recently became aware of suspicious activity related to a certain Spinnaker Management Group email account. Spinnaker immediately launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the activity. Spinnaker's investigation determined that there was unauthorized access to the affected email account on the following dates:

- October 6, 2020
- October 7, 2020
- October 10, 2020
- October 29, 2020
- November 4, 2020
- November 12, 2020

Spinnaker began reviewing the contents of the affected email account to determine what, if any, sensitive information was contained within it. On December 31, 2020, Spinnaker's review determined that the email account contained certain information related to you. Spinnaker is providing this information in an abundance of caution, as we cannot definitively determine what data the unauthorized actor accessed.

What Information Was Involved? Spinnaker determined that the following information related to you was present in the affected email account at the time of this incident: your name and social security number.

What is Spinnaker Doing? Spinnaker takes the confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care seriously. Upon discovery, we immediately commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope of the incident. We are taking steps to implement additional safeguards and review policies and procedures relating to data privacy and security.

Spinnaker is providing you with access to 24 months of credit monitoring and identity protection services through TransUnion at no cost to you. A description of services and instructions on how to enroll can be found within the

enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Against Identity Theft and Fraud. Please note that you must complete the enrollment process yourself, as we are not permitted to enroll you in these services on your behalf.

What You Can Do. You can review the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Against Identity Theft and Fraud. You can also enroll to receive the complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through TransUnion. We also 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.

*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, please contact Shelly Nixon at 412-536-5266. You may also write to us at:

Spinnaker Management Group 10497 Town and Country Way Suite 700 Houston, TX 77024

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

Sincerely,

Robert F. Benson

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

#### **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

- To enroll in this service, go to the *my*TrueIdentity website at **www.MyTrueIdentity.com** and, in the space referenced as "Enter Activation Code," enter the 12-letter Activation Code <<Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.
- If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper-based credit monitoring service, via U.S. mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at 1-855-288-5422. When prompted, enter the six-digit telephone passcode <<Insert static 6-digit Telephone Pass Code>> and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and **<<Enrollment Deadline>>**. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

In addition to enrolling in the complimentary services detailed above, 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 <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> 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 Experian Equifax P.O. Box 105788 P.O. Box 9554 P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 Allen, TX 75013 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 1-888-909-8872 1-800-685-1111 1-888-397-3742 https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit www.experian.com/freeze/center.htm www.transunion.com/credit -report-services/credit-freeze -freeze

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;
- 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.); and

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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 9554	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
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	www.transunion.com/fraud- victim-resource/place-fraud- alert	www.equifax.com/personal/credit- report-services

### **Additional Information**

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). 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.

*California Residents:* Visit the California Office of Privacy Protection (www.oag.ca.gov/privacy) for additional information on protection against identity theft.

Kentucky Residents: Office of the Attorney General of Kentucky, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, www.ag.ky.gov, Telephone: 1-502-696-5300.

*Maryland Residents:* Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

*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 a violator. You may have additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. You can 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.

*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/.

*North Carolina Residents:* Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, Telephone: 1-919-716-6400, 877-566-7226 (toll free within NC).

*Oregon Residents:* Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392.

*Washington D.C. Residents:* The Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia can be reached at: 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 1100 South, Washington, D.C. 20001; 1-202-442-9828; <u>https://oag.dc.gov</u>.

All US Residents: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, www.consumer.gov/idtheft, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).