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CONSUMER PROTECTION

3 Allied Drive, Suite 303 Dedham, MA 02026

January 27, 2023

#### 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 Argon Medical Devices, Inc. ("Argon") located at 7800 Dallas Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024, and are writing to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to two (2) New Hampshire residents. 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, Argon 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 May 12, 2022, Argon experienced a data security event that impacted its computer systems. Argon promptly worked to secure its systems and, with the assistance of third-party cybersecurity specialists, commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope of the event. The investigation determined that, between May 4 and 14, 2022, someone without authorization had access to certain documents stored within Argon's environment. A comprehensive and time-consuming review of the potentially affected data was subsequently performed to determine whether the data contained any sensitive information and to identify potentially affected individuals. On December 27, 2022, Argon concluded this review and determined that certain information related to certain individuals may have been accessed or acquired without authorization.

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

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# Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On or about January 27, 2023, Argon began providing written notice of this event to two (2) 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, Argon moved quickly to investigate and respond to the event, assess the security of Argon systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Argon is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through Experian, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this event, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, Argon is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Argon is providing individuals with information on how to place fraud alerts and credit freezes on their credit files, 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.

Argon is providing written notice of this event to relevant state regulators, as necessary, and to the three major credit reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Further, Argon notified federal law enforcement regarding the event.

#### Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-2303.

Very truly yours,

Lynda Jensen of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT A**



January 27, 2023

# NOTICE OF [Extra1]

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Argon Medical Devices, Inc. ("Argon") writes to inform you of an incident that may affect the privacy of some of your information. Although Argon is unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, Argon is providing you notice of the incident, steps Argon is taking in response, and resources available to help you better protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On or about May 12, 2022, Argon experienced a data security incident that impacted our computer systems. We promptly worked to secure our systems and, with the assistance of third-party forensic specialists, commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope of the incident. The investigation determined that, between May 4 and 14, 2022, someone without authorization had access to certain documents stored within Argon's environment. A comprehensive and time-consuming review of the affected data was subsequently performed to determine whether the data contained any sensitive information and to identify potentially affected individuals. On December 27, 2022, we concluded this review and determined that your information resided in the data that may have been accessed or acquired without authorization.

What Information Was Involved? As indicated above, Argon is unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your personal information. However, we are providing you with this notification out of an abundance of caution. Although the affected information varies by individual, the types of information present in the files that were potentially impacted by this incident include: your name and [Extra2].

What We Are Doing. Argon takes its responsibility to safeguard information seriously. As such, we responded promptly to this incident and worked diligently to provide you with an accurate and complete notice of the incident as soon as possible. Argon is also providing notice of this incident to all potentially impacted individuals and to regulators, where required.

Out of an abundance of caution, Argon is providing you with [extra3\_12or24] months of complimentary access to credit monitoring and identity restoration services through Experian as well as guidance on how to better protect your information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so. Although we are covering the cost of these services, due to privacy restrictions, you will need to complete the activation process yourself.

What You Can Do. Although there is no evidence of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, Argon encourages you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and explanation of benefits and by monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors over the next 12 to 24 months. We also encourage you to review the information in the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information. There, you will find additional information about the complimentary credit monitoring services and how to enroll.

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 call our dedicated assistance line at: (855) 252-2731, Monday through Friday 8 am - 10 pm CST, Saturday and Sunday 10 am - 7 pm CST (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide engagement number [Engagement Number]. You may also write to us directly at: Attn: Human Resources, 7800 Dallas Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024.

Sincerely,

Argon Medical Devices, Inc.

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

# **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for [extra3\_12or24] months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for [extra3\_12or24] months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is <u>immediately available to you</u>, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary [extra3\_12or24]-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by April 30, 2023 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit">https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit</a>
- Provide your activation code:

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (855) 252-2731 by April 30, 2023. Be prepared to provide engagement number [ ] as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

# ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR [extra3\_12or24]-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. 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.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.
- \* 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.

### **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 <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> 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 one-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 credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial, as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. 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
- 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 a 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
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-395-6938
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; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 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 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 <a href="www.oag.state.md.us">www.oag.state.md.us</a>. Argon is located at 7800 Dallas Parkway, Suite 200, Plano, TX 75024.

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 <a href="https://www.ncdoj.gov">www.ncdoj.gov</a>.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and <a href="www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are 4 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.