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Attorney General Gordon MacDonald

Consumer Protection Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
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Re: Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

We represent City Abstract LLC (“City Abstract”) with respect to a potential data security incident described in more detail below. City Abstract is a title insurance agency serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey. City Abstract takes the security and privacy of the information in its control very seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

1. Nature of the security incident.

On October 26, 2018, City Abstract discovered that an unknown individual gained access to one of its employee’s e-mail accounts. It appears that the employee may have been the victim of an email phishing campaign. Upon discovering the incident, City Abstract’s IT provider immediately prevented any further unauthorized access to the account by changing the employee’s password and email credentials. City Abstract also retained an independent computer forensics company to conduct an extensive IT investigation to determine what information may have been accessed. The investigation confirmed that the incident was limited to one employee’s email account, and that no other systems or servers were impacted.

On July 8, 2019, based on the results of a lengthy, detailed investigation, City Abstract identified the individuals whose personal information, including name, driver’s license number, Social Security number, and/or limited financial information, may have been contained in the email account at issue. City Abstract notified these individuals on the basis that some of their information may have been contained in the employee’s email account.

2. Number of New Hampshire residents affected.

A total of one (1) resident of New Hampshire was potentially affected by this security incident. A notification letter to this individual was mailed on July 31, 2019, by first class mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this letter.

3. Steps taken.

City Abstract has taken steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, and to protect the privacy and security of potentially impacted individuals' information. This includes strengthening its cybersecurity posture by implementing additional spam filters with Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection, enhancing password policies, enabling multifactor authentication for access to email accounts, and continuing to educate staff regarding awareness of cyber risks including integration of KnowB4 training. City Abstract is also providing potentially impacted individuals with identity theft protection and credit monitoring services for a period of twelve (12) months, at its own expense, through CyberScout.

4. Contact information.

City Abstract 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 Anjali.Das@wilsonelser.com or (312) 821-6164.

Very truly yours,

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP



Anjali C. Das

Enclosure



July xx, 2019

<<First Name>><<Last Name>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>><<State>><<Zip>>

Dear <<First Name>><<Last Name>>:

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving City Abstract that may have resulted in the disclosure of some of your personal information. At this time, we are not aware of the misuse of any of your information. Nonetheless, we are notifying you out of an abundance of caution. We take the security of your personal information very seriously, and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause. This letter contains information about the incident, steps you can take to protect your information, and resources we are making available to help you.

City Abstract is a title insurance agency serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey. On October 26, 2018, we discovered that an unknown individual gained access to one of our employee's e-mail accounts. It appears that our employee may have been the victim of an email phishing campaign. The employee's account contained stored e-mails that may have included some of your personally identifiable information ("PII") including your name, driver's license number, Social Security number and/or limited financial information. Although we are not aware that any of your personal information was taken, we are notifying you on the basis that some of your information was contained in the employee's email account.

Upon discovering the incident, our IT provider immediately prevented any further unauthorized access to the account by changing the employee's password and email credentials. We also retained an independent computer forensics company to conduct an extensive IT investigation to determine what information may have been accessed. The investigation confirmed that the incident was limited to one employee's email account, and that no other systems or servers were impacted. We also conducted a detailed investigation to determine what information was potentially involved, and on July 8, 2019, we determined that some of your information may have been contained in the email account at issue.

As a precautionary measure, we are providing you with complimentary resources to help protect your identity. We have secured the services of CyberScout, a company specializing in identity theft education and resolution, to provide you with fraud resolution support, including identity theft restoration services, and access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Cyber Monitoring* services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your Experian credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. The cyber monitoring will review the dark web and alert you if your personally identifiable information is found online. With this protection, you will receive proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud.

To enroll in Credit Monitoring* services at no charge, please log on to <https://www.myidmanager.com> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: <CODE HERE.>

For guidance with the CyberScout services, or to obtain additional information about these services, please call the CyberScout help line 1-800-405-6108 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code.

* Services marked with an "*" require an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

We are committed to ensuring security of all information in our control and are taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. This includes strengthening our cybersecurity posture by implementing additional spam filters with Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection, enhancing password policies, enabling multifactor authentication for access to email accounts, and continuing to educate staff regarding awareness of cyber risks including integration of KnowB4 training.

Please know that the protection of your personal information is a top priority, and we sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience that this matter may cause you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 1-800-405-6108, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William Gordon
Chief Financial Officer

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Additional Important Information

For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that 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 www.annualcreditreport.com, 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 <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of Iowa:

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon:

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, and North Carolina:

You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

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Attorney General**

Consumer Protection Division
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
1-888-743-0023
www.oag.state.md.us

**Rhode Island Office of the
Attorney General**

Consumer Protection
150 South Main Street
Providence RI 02903
1-401-274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov

**North Carolina Office of the
Attorney General**

Consumer Protection Division
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
1-877-566-7226
www.ncdoj.com

Federal Trade Commission

Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)
www.ftc.gov/idtheft

For residents of Massachusetts: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf), Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>) or TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert>). 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.

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, telephone 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. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting each of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348
www.freeze.equifax.com
800-525-6285

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com/freeze
888-397-3742

TransUnion (FVAD)

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022
freeze.transunion.com
800-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.