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March 8, 2021

VIA U.S. MAIL

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

Re: Supplemental Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We continue to represent Devine Millimet, & Branch (“Devine Millimet”) located at 111 Amherst Street Manchester, NH 03101, and are writing to supplement Devine Millimet’s December 18, 2020 notice to your office to provide notice on behalf of Devine Millimet’s client Guaranty Fund Mutual Services. There are twenty-eight (28) New Hampshire residents affiliated with Guaranty Fund Mutual Services which means this event impacts twelve thousand eight hundred seventy-four (12,874) New Hampshire residents in total. The investigation into this matter remains ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Devine Millimet 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

As advised in our December 18, 2020 notice, on August 24, 2020, Devine Millimet became aware that certain files on its network were encrypted by ransomware. Devine Millimet immediately began an investigation to determine the full nature and scope of the event and what, if any, data was impacted. The investigation determined that files located on the impacted systems were accessed and acquired by an unauthorized actor. However, the specific files on the impacted system that were taken could not be determined.

Devine Millimet mailed notice to its clients, including Guaranty Fund Mutual Services, and certain impacted individuals on December 18, 2020. On February 3, 2021, Guaranty Mutual Financial

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Services requested that Devine provide notice to Guaranty Mutual Financial Service customers impacted in the event, as well as applicable state regulators on its behalf. On February 12, 2021, Devine Millimet confirmed that the information that could have been subject to unauthorized access for Guaranty Fund Mutual Services customers includes name, address, Social Security number, and date of birth, and/or account numbers of twelve thousand eight hundred seventy four (12,874) New Hampshire residents.

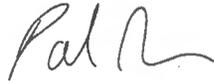
Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On March 8, 2021, Devine Millimet provided written notice of this incident to the impacted Guaranty Fund Mutual Services customers, which includes twenty-eight (28) New Hampshire residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4788.

Very truly yours,



Paul T. McGurkin, Jr. of
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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

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

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Dear <<Name 1>>:

Devine, Millimet, & Branch (“Devine Millimet”) writes to provide you with notice of a recent data privacy event. Devine Millimet is a New Hampshire law firm assigned by the New Hampshire Insurance Guaranty Association (“NHIGA”) to represent insureds in various matters. Over the past several years, Devine Millimet has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on updated equipment, software and an outside security contractor to address the ever-increasing threat of cybercrime. Unfortunately, in spite of our efforts, we have recently become aware of a cyberattack that affected a portion of our Firm’s information technology (“IT”) system. We are notifying you of this event as a result of a matter assigned by NHIGA to Devine Millimet in which you are involved. We take the security of our clients’ information very seriously and want to let you know what we have learned about this attack.

What Happened

On August 24, 2020, Devine Millimet became aware of a ransomware encryption attack that affected multiple servers in our IT system. Our security contractor identified the ongoing attack, stopped it, and immediately began restoration of the affected servers from stored backups and our normal operations resumed. However, within a few days of the restoration, we received communication from the cybercriminals alleging that they had successfully copied and removed some data from our system. On October 20, 2020, we determined that certain firm client information was located on the impacted servers where data could have been removed. While we are unable to confirm whether your information was among the stolen information, we are notifying you as your information may have been stored on the impacted systems.

What Information Was Involved

Based on the available evidence, we determined that the cybercriminal accessed our environment beginning on August 13, 2020. Due to the sophistication of the attack, our forensic consultant was unable to determine what data may have actually been removed by the cybercriminals. However, based on the work of our forensic consultant, we understand that the criminals accessed our network and potentially stole data from a document management server that contained archived client/matter information, a portion of an email server, and an administrative file server. As a result of your involvement in a matter handled by Devine Millimet, your information was contained within our document management server. This information includes your name and <<data elements>> which may have been impacted during this event.

What Devine Millimet Is Doing

Upon receipt of the communication from the cybercriminals, we immediately retained a third party forensic consultant to investigate the attack. We subsequently reported the attack to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crimes Unit and their investigation is ongoing.

Working with our own security contractor and the forensic consultant, we installed additional security software to enhance the threat protection that was already in place at the time of the attack. In addition, through our forensic consultant, we took what we believe to be the necessary steps to prevent the distribution of any data that may have been removed during the attack. At this time, we have no reason to believe that any data went beyond the control of the cybercriminals, nor do we have any reason to believe that any data was, or will be, misused or publicly disseminated.

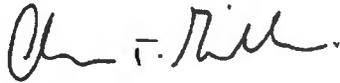
As an added precaution, we are also offering you complimentary access to twenty-four (24) months of credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services through TransUnion. We encourage you to enroll in these services, as we are not able to act on your behalf to enroll you. Please review the instructions contained in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information* for additional information on these services.

For More Information

We sincerely regret any inconvenience that this criminal cyberattack may cause you. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding this incident, please contact our dedicated assistance line at 800-269-0636, Monday through Friday, from 9am to 9pm EST.

Very truly yours,

Devine, Millimet & Branch,
Professional Association



Charles T. Giacopelli, Esq.
President

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit and Identity Monitoring

As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (*myTrueIdentity*) for two years provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion,[®] one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

How to Enroll: You can sign up online or via U.S. mail delivery

- To enroll in this service, go to the *myTrueIdentity* 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 six- 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 Accounts

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 www.annualcreditreport.com 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:

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

Equifax

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

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 (5) 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
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

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-680-7289

www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-766-0008

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, www.identitytheft.gov, 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.