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June 16, 2022

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Hardware Resources ("Hardware Resources") located at 4319 Marlena Street, Bossier City, LA 71111, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to one (1) New Hampshire resident. This notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Hardware Resources 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 30, 2021, Hardware Resources discovered suspicious activity related to its online e-commerce website, www.hardwareresources.com. Hardware Resources immediately began working with third-party forensic investigators to determine what happened and what information may have been affected. Hardware Resources also took steps to implement additional procedures to further protect the security of customer debit and credit card information on their website, and individuals can safely and securely use their payment card on their website.

On April 1, 2022, the third-party forensic investigators confirmed that Hardware Resources was the victim of a sophisticated cyber-attack that may have resulted in a compromise to some of their customers' credit and debit cards used to make purchases on their e-commerce website between July 1, 2021 and December 2, 2021. Hardware Resources took steps to confirm the identity of the customers whose personally identifiable information may have been impacted. If an individual

entered their payment card information onto Hardware Resource's ecommerce website during that time period, their information may have been impacted. On May 12, 2022, their investigation confirmed the customers that may have been affected by this incident. The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, and payment card information.

Notice to New Hampshire Resident

On or about June 16, 2022, Hardware Resources provided written notice of this incident to one (1) New Hampshire resident. 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, Hardware Resources moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Hardware Resources systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Hardware Resources is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees.

Additionally, Hardware Resources is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. Hardware Resources 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) 930-1509.

Very truly yours,

Gregory J. Bautista of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

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

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Re: Notice of <<Variable Header>>

Dear <<Name 1>>:

We write to inform you of a recent event that may impact the privacy of some of your payment information. We wanted to provide you with information about the event, our response, and steps you may wish to take to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud.

What Happened? On or about November 30, 2021, Hardware Resources discovered suspicious activity related to its online e-commerce website, www.hardwareresources.com. Hardware Resources immediately began working with third-party forensic investigators to determine what happened and what information may have been affected. Hardware Resources also took steps to implement additional procedures to further protect the security of customer debit and credit card information on our website, and you can safely and securely use your payment card on our website.

On April 1, 2022, the third-party forensic investigators confirmed that Hardware Resources was the victim of a sophisticated cyber-attack that may have resulted in a compromise to some of our customers' credit and debit cards used to make purchases on our e-commerce website between July 1, 2021 and December 2, 2021. Hardware Resources took steps to confirm the identity of the customers whose personally identifiable information may have been impacted. If you entered your payment card information onto our ecommerce website during that time period, your information may have been impacted. On May 12, 2022, our investigation confirmed the customers that may have been affected by this incident.

What Information Was Involved? Through the third-party forensic investigation, we confirmed on April 1, 2022 that malware may have captured credit or debit card data from some credit and debit cards used to make purchases on our website, www.hardwareresources.com, between July 1, 2021 and December 2, 2021. The information at risk as a result of the event includes the cardholder's name, address, credit card number, expiration date, and CVV.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of your information seriously. As part of our ongoing commitment to the privacy of personal information in our care, we are working to review our existing policies and procedures and to implement additional safeguards to further secure payment information. In addition to notifying potentially impacted individuals we also notified state regulators, as required.

What You Can Do. You can find out more about how to protect against potential identity theft and fraud in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information.* 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.

For More Information. We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call 866-657-2176, or email creditcardquestions@hardwareresources.com.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident has caused.

Sincerely,

Greg Gottlieb
Chief Executive Officer
Hardware Resources

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

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 www.annualcreditreport.com 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 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 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 security 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
7. 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 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
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	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; www.identitytheft.gov; 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 District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; and oag@dc.gov.

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 www.oag.state.md.us. Hardware Resources is located at 4319 Marlena St., Bossier City, LA 71111.

For 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 bureaus 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 violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to 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.

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 www.ncdoj.gov.

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