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Via E-Mail (IDTheft@oag.state.md.us)

Office of the Attorney General
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

RE: Data Incident Notification

To Whom It May Concern:

We serve as counsel for AUS, Inc. ("AUS"), located at 155 Gaither Drive, Suite A, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054, and write to inform you of a recent data security incident. By providing this notice, AUS does not waive any rights or defenses under Maryland law, including the data breach notification statute.

On or around November 28, 2022, AUS became aware that it was the victim of a sophisticated ransomware attack that resulted in limited network disruption. Upon discovery, AUS immediately secured its network, took the impacted system offline, and engaged third-party forensic specialists to investigate the nature and scope of the incident. AUS also reported this incident to federal law enforcement. Through the investigation, it was determined that certain AUS files containing information related to current and former employees may have been accessed by an unauthorized party. As a result, AUS undertook a comprehensive and time-intensive process to identify the information that may have been contained within the potentially impacted files, and to whom that information belonged.

On December 23, 2022, the review was completed, and it was determined that information related to 4 Maryland residents was potentially subject to unauthorized access. The information believed to be at risk includes first name and last name, in combination with a Social Security number.

On January 5, 2022, AUS provided written notice of this incident to the potentially impacted Maryland residents pursuant to Maryland law. The notice letter included an offer of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services for twelve (12) months. The notice letter sent to individuals is substantially similar to the letter attached hereto as Exhibit A.

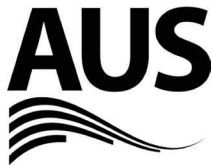
Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Meghan Farally, Esq.
CIPRIANI & WERNER, P.C.

Exhibit A



<<Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

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Dear <<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>:

We are writing to inform you that AUS, Inc. (“AUS”), the parent company of SSRS, MSG, RoyaltySource and AUS Consultants, recently experienced a ransomware attack that may have involved some of your information described below. The information believed to be at risk from this incident includes information related to current and former employees. While we have no evidence of attempted or actual misuse of your information as a result of this incident, we are providing you with information about the incident, the measures we have taken in response, and steps you can take to help protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened: On November 28, 2022, AUS experienced a ransomware attack resulting in limited network disruption. Upon discovery of the incident, AUS immediately deployed all available resources and began an investigation. AUS continues to work with I.T. staff and third-party technical experts to determine the full nature and scope of this incident. We also reported this incident to federal law enforcement. While our investigation remains ongoing, we have discovered that certain AUS current and former employee data, kept in the normal course of business, may have been subject to unauthorized access. Upon discovery, we compiled a list of potentially impacted individuals in order to provide this notification. This process was completed on December 23, 2022. Although we are unable to confirm the specific information that may be affected for each individual at this time, we are providing notification out of an abundance of caution.

What Information Was Involved: While our investigation into this incident remains ongoing, at this time the information believed to have been subject to unauthorized access may include your first and last name, in combination with your Social Security number.

What We Are Doing: In addition to engaging third-party experts and undergoing a thorough forensic investigation, AUS has taken a number of steps to remediate the incident, including a forced password reset enterprise-wide and the implementation of multi-factor authentication across the company. Out of an abundance of caution, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for one year. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate these services for you directly. Additional information regarding how to activate the complimentary identity monitoring service is enclosed. We have also provided additional information about steps you can take to help protect yourself against fraud and identity theft.

What You Can Do: We recommend that you remain vigilant in regularly reviewing and monitoring all of your account statements and credit history to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. If you discover any suspicious or unusual activity on your accounts, please promptly contact your financial institution or company. Additionally, you can activate the complimentary identity monitoring service we are making available to you. You can also review the enclosed “Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information” for additional resources.

For More Information: Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at [TFN](#), Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Central Time, excluding some U.S. holidays.

We take the privacy and security of the information entrusted to us very seriously, and sincerely regret any worry or inconvenience this incident may have caused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John L. Ringwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "R".

John L. Ringwood

President & CEO
AUS, Inc.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Activate Identity Monitoring Services

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

You have until <<b2b_text_6 (activation date)>> to activate your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s_n>>

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you will have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

Fraud Consultation

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

Identity Theft Restoration

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

You can activate the identity monitoring service anytime between now and <<b2b_text_6 (activation date)>>. Due to privacy laws, we cannot activate the service for you directly. Activating this service will not affect your credit score.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Monitor Your Accounts

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your credit reports/account statements for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. Once you receive your credit report, review it for discrepancies and identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting bureau.

You 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, 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 lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, you 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 your 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 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., III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;

4. Address for the prior two to five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (e.g., state driver's license or identification card); 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 fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

TransUnion 1-800-680-7289 www.transunion.com TransUnion Fraud Alert P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016-2000 TransUnion Credit Freeze P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094	Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com Experian Fraud Alert P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 Experian Credit Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	Equifax 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com Equifax Fraud Alert P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 Equifax Credit Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
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Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the credit reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), or your state Attorney General. The FTC also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. The FTC may be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

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, your state Attorney General, and the FTC. 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; 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us. AUS, Inc. may be contacted at 155 Gaither Drive, Suite A, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.

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: (i) the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; (ii) the consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; (iii) access to your file is limited; (iv) you must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; (v) you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; (vi) and you may seek damages from violators. 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 https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, FTC, 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 contacted at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and www.riag.ri.gov. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are XX Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

For Washington, D.C. residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at 441 4th Street NW #1100, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400, and <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>. AUS, Inc. may be contacted at 155 Gaither Drive, Suite A, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.