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VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
E-mail: idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent CAIRE Inc. ("CAIRE") located at 220 Airport Industrial Drive, Suite 500, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to two (2) Maryland residents. This notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, CAIRE does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law, the applicability of the Maryland data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

Nature of the Data Event

On February 11, 2023, CAIRE discovered suspicious activity impacting the operability of certain systems. CAIRE quickly launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the activity, working with industry-leading computer forensics specialists to determine what happened and what information may have been affected. The investigation identified a limited number of files and folders as potentially accessed or taken by an unknown actor. CAIRE commenced a thorough review to determine whether sensitive information was present in the impacted files and folders. On July 21, 2023, it was determined that some information related to Maryland residents was present in the files and folders that may have been accessed or taken. CAIRE then commenced an advanced address lookup service in order to identify the most recent contact information for affected individuals.

The information that could have been impacted includes name, Social Security number, and passport number.

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Notice to Maryland Residents

On or about March 5, 2024, CAIRE provided written notice of this incident to two (2) Maryland 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, CAIRE moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of CAIRE systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, CAIRE notified federal law enforcement regarding the incident. CAIRE is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. CAIRE is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year, through TransUnion, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, CAIRE is providing potentially impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud. CAIRE is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, 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. CAIRE is providing written notice of this incident to relevant state regulators, as necessary.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4784.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Boogay', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeffrey J. Boogay of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

CAIRE Inc.
c/o Cyberscout
1 Keystone Ave., Unit 700
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
«Keycode»

<<Name 1>> <<Name 2>>
<<Address 1>>
<<Address 2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>
<<Country>>

<<Date>>

NOTICE OF [Custom Field 1]

Dear <<Name 1>> <<Name 2>>:

CAIRE Inc. (“CAIRE”) writes to inform you of an incident that may affect the security of some of your information. This notice provides information about the incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On February 11, 2023, CAIRE discovered suspicious activity impacting the operability of certain systems. We quickly launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of the activity, working with industry-leading computer forensics specialists to determine what happened and what information may have been affected. The investigation identified a limited number of files and folders as potentially accessed or taken by an unknown actor. We commenced a thorough review to determine whether sensitive information was present in the impacted files and folders. On July 21, 2023, it was determined that some of your information was present in the files and folders that may have been accessed or taken. We then commenced an advanced address lookup service in order to identify the most recent contact information for affected individuals.

What Information Was Involved? CAIRE is notifying you out of an abundance of caution because information related to you was identified in the files that were potentially accessed or taken by an unknown actor. The information related to you that was potentially accessible may include [exposed data elements]. To date, CAIRE has not received any reports of actual or attempted misuse of your information.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of relevant systems, and reset relevant account passwords. We also reviewed the contents of the impacted systems to determine whether they contained personal information, reviewed internal systems to identify contact information for purposes of providing notice to potentially affected individuals, and are now notifying all potentially affected individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information, we are also reviewing existing policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of a similar future incident. CAIRE is also notifying relevant state and federal regulators, as required. Finally, we reported this incident to law enforcement, and will participate with any criminal investigation into this matter.

Moreover, as an added precaution, we are offering access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for <<service length>> months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in the event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. You may also review the information contained in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*. There, you will also find more information on the identity theft detection and resolution services we are making available to you, and how to enroll.

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 our dedicated assistance line at 1-833-919-9060 (toll free), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding U.S. holidays). You may write to CAIRE at 220 Airport Industrial Drive, Suite 500, Ball Ground, Georgia 30107.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may have caused.

Sincerely,

CAIRE Inc.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <<[URL](#)>> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: <[CODE HERE](#)>. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires 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.

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	1 (800) 916-8800
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; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

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 [X] Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.