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VIA EMAIL

Attorney General Anthony G. Brown
Office of the Attorney General
St. Paul Plaza
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202
Email: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Brown:

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP ("Constangy") represents Salomon & Company, PC ("Salomon & Company") in conjunction with the recent data security incident described in greater detail below.

1. Nature of the Security Incident

On October 31, 2023, Salomon & Company identified suspicious activity associated with one of its employee's email accounts. Salomon & Company took immediate steps to secure its email environment and launched an investigation, aided by outside cybersecurity experts, to determine what happened and whether any sensitive information may have been affected. Based on that investigation, Salomon & Company learned that an unknown actor gained access to the account between October 30-31, 2023 and potentially acquired certain files. Salomon & Company then undertook a comprehensive review of the affected files to determine whether any personal information was impacted. This review concluded on February 12, 2024 and confirmed that certain individuals' personal information was contained within the potentially affected data. Salomon & Company then began identifying valid mailing addresses for purposes of providing notification of this incident to impacted individuals.

2. Type of Information and Number of Maryland Residents Notified

The data sets potentially acquired by the unauthorized actor responsible for this incident included individuals' names and Social Security number. On March 13, 2024, Salomon & Company notified four (4) residents of this data security incident via U.S. First-Class Mail. A sample copy of the notification letter sent to potentially impacted individuals is included with this correspondence.

3. Steps Taken Relating to the Incident

Salomon & Company has implemented additional security measures in an effort to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future. Further, as referenced in the sample consumer notification letter, Salomon & Company has offered individuals complimentary services through Kroll, which include credit monitoring, dark web monitoring, a \$1 million identity fraud loss reimbursement policy, and fully-managed identity theft recovery services, along with access to a call center for support for 90 days.

4. Contact Information

Salomon & Company remains dedicated to protecting the personal information in its possession. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at dmcmillan@constangy.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. McMillan", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Very truly yours,

David McMillan of
CONSTANGY, BROOKS, SMITH & PROPHETE, LLP

Encl: Sample Adult Consumer Notification Letter

SALOMON & COMPANY
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, P.C.

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

<<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>
<<address_1>>
<<address_2>>
<<city>>, <<state_province>> <<postal_code>>
<<country>>

<<b2b_text_1(Notice of Data Security Incident or Notice of Data Breach)>>

Dear <<first_name>> <<middle_name>> <<last_name>> <<suffix>>,

I am writing to inform you of a recent data security incident experienced by Salomon & Company, P.C. that may have affected your personal information. At Salomon & Company, we take the privacy and security of all personal information within our possession very seriously. Please read this letter carefully as it contains information regarding the incident and steps you can take to help protect your personal information.

What Happened? On October 31, 2023, we identified suspicious activity associated with one of our employee's email accounts. We took immediate steps to secure our email environment and launched an investigation, aided by outside cybersecurity experts, to determine what happened and whether any sensitive information may have been affected. Based on that investigation, we learned that an unknown actor gained access to the account between October 30-31, 2023 and potentially acquired certain files. We then undertook a comprehensive review of the affected files to determine whether any personal information was impacted. This review concluded on February 12, 2024 and confirmed that your personal information was contained within the potentially affected data, which is the reason for this notification.

What Information Was Involved? The information that was impacted in connection with this incident included your <<b2b_text_2(name, data elements)>>.

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered this incident, we took the steps described above. Salomon & Company has since implemented measures to enhance the security of its email environment in an effort to minimize the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future.

In addition, although Salomon & Company has no evidence that any of your information has been misused, we are offering you one year of complimentary identity monitoring services through Kroll. Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

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

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

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s_n>>

For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com.

Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

What You Can Do: You can follow the recommendations on the following page to help protect your personal information. We also encourage you to activate the complementary services being offered to you through Kroll by using the membership number provided above.

For More Information: Further information about how to help protect your personal information appears on the following page. If you have questions or need assistance, please call [TFN](#) from 9:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding major U.S. holidays).

Please accept my sincere apologies and know that Salomon & Company takes this matter very seriously and deeply regrets any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Brett Pelton

Salomon & Company, P.C.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com/>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax

P.O. Box 105851
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

Experian

P.O. Box 9532
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion

P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20580
consumer.ftc.gov, and
www.ftc.gov/idtheft
1-877-438-4338

Maryland Attorney General

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

New York Attorney General

Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources
28 Liberty Street
New York, NY 10005
1-212-416-8433

North Carolina Attorney General

9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699
ncdoj.gov
1-877-566-7226

Rhode Island Attorney General

150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
<http://www.riag.ri.gov>
1-401-274-4400

Washington D.C. Attorney General

441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
oag.dc.gov
1-202-727-3400

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>.



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'll 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.

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.