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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 Becht Engineering, BT, Inc. ("Becht"), located at 33 Technology Dr. S Suite 1 G, Warren, NJ 07059, and are writing to notify your Office of an incident that may affect the security of information relating to certain Maryland residents. This notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, Becht 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 or about February 16, 2024, Becht identified suspicious activity related to an employee email account. Upon learning of this activity, Becht took steps to secure the email account and launched an investigation into the activity. While the investigation determined the email account was accessed, it could not confirm whether any information was actually viewed or accessed. Therefore, Becht conducted a comprehensive review of the contents of the email account to determine whether sensitive information was present at the time of the event and to whom it related. This review was completed on or about March 25, 2024 and Becht undertook an additional review of the information to identify potentially impacted individuals and obtain address information in order to provide them with notice of the event. While the information varies for each individual, the information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, passport number, Social Security number, driver's license/state identification number, financial account information, payment card information and/or system access information.

Notice to Maryland Residents

On or about May 21, 2024, Becht provided written notice of this incident to potentially affected individuals, including twenty eight (28) 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, Becht moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of Becht systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Becht is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. Becht is providing access to complimentary credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through Experian, to individuals whose information was potentially affected by this incident.

Additionally, Becht is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including 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.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4637.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory Lederman", written in a cursive style.

Gregory Lederman of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



Return Mail Processing
PO Box 999
Suwanee, GA 30024

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SAMPLE A. SAMPLE - CM

APT ABC

123 ANY ST

ANYTOWN, US 12345-6789



May 21, 2024

RE: [Extra2]

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Becht Engineering BT, Inc. ("Becht") writes to inform you of a recent incident that may impact the privacy of some of your information. While we are unaware of any attempted or actual misuse of your information, we are providing you with this notice in an abundance of caution, to inform you of the incident, our response, and steps you may take to help protect your information, should you feel it is necessary to do so.

What Happened? On February 16, 2024, Becht identified suspicious activity related to an employee's email account. Upon learning of this activity, Becht took steps to secure the account and immediately launched an investigation into the activity and determined that an unauthorized actor briefly accessed the employee email account. While the investigation determined the email account was accessed, it could not confirm whether any information was actually accessed. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, we conducted a comprehensive review of the contents of the email account to determine whether sensitive information may have been present at the time of the event and to whom it related.

What Information Was Involved? We are notifying you because the investigation recently determined information related to you was present in the email account at the time of the unauthorized access. The information involved in this incident includes: [Extra1], and your name.

What Are We Doing? The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information within our care is Becht's highest priority. Upon learning of the incident, we took immediate steps to secure the relevant email account and investigate the activity. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information, we are implementing enhanced security measures and are reviewing our policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event. As an added precaution, we are also offering 12 months of complimentary access to credit monitoring services through Experian. Individuals who wish to receive these services must enroll by following the below enrollment instructions, as we are unable to enroll you.

What Can You Do? We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud and to review your account statements and credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. You can review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information* to learn helpful tips on steps you can take to help protect against possible information misuse, should you feel it appropriate to do so.



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, or need assistance, please call our dedicated assistance line at 1-833-918-5045, toll-free Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pacific (excluding major U.S. holidays). Please be prepared to reference engagement number B123417 when speaking with an agent. You may also write to Becht at 33 technology Dr. S Suite 1 G, Warren, NJ 07059.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Lawlor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Principal/CFO
Becht Engineering BT, Inc.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Enroll in Credit Monitoring

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for 12 months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this incident and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred from the date of the incident (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for 12 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through Experian IdentityWorks as a complimentary 12-month membership. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by** August 30, 2024 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>
- Provide your **activation code**: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this incident, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 1-833-918-5045 by August 30, 2024. Be prepared to provide engagement number B123417 as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

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 one-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 credit freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

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	888-397-3742	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 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 <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.



