



November 14, 2024

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Via Electronic Mail: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Cybersecurity Event Involving Matandy Steel & Metal Products LLC

Dear Attorney General Brown:

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker LLP (“Wilson Elser”) represents Matandy Steel & Metal Products LLC (“Matandy”), a manufacturing company located at 1200 Central Avenue Hampton, OH 45011, with respect to a recent cybersecurity event that was first discovered by Matandy on September 28, 2024, (hereinafter, the “Event”). Matandy takes the security and privacy of the information in its control very seriously, and has taken steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future.

This letter will serve to inform you of the nature of the Event, what information may have been compromised, the number of Maryland residents being notified, and the steps that Matandy has taken in response to the Event. We have also included with this letter a sample of the notification made to the potentially impacted individuals, which includes an offer of free credit monitoring services. By providing this notice, Matandy 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.

1. Nature of the Event

On September 28, 2024, Matandy became aware of suspicious activity within its network environment. Upon becoming aware, Matandy promptly began an investigation into the scope and nature of the suspicious activity. Matandy then retained legal counsel and third-party forensic specialists to investigate and determine the potential impact of the suspicious activity. The forensic investigation determined that on September 28, 2024, over the course of 8 hours, certain files from Matandy’s network environment were copied without authorization.

Once the forensic investigation was complete, Matandy then began a comprehensive review of the data set to determine what sensitive and/or personal information was impacted and to whom it related. On October 22, 2024, Matandy finished its review. That investigation revealed that certain information may have been copied by an unauthorized individual as part of the event. The following types of information related to Maryland residents may have been impacted: Name and Social Security number.

2. Number of Maryland residents affected.

A total of one (1) Maryland resident may have been potentially affected by this event. A Notification letter to this individual began to be mailed on November 14, 2024. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this letter under **Exhibit A**.

3. Steps taken in response to the Event.

Matandy is committed to ensuring the security and privacy of all personal information in its control and is taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future. Upon discovery of the Event, Matandy moved quickly to investigate and respond to the Event, assessed the security of its systems, and notified the potentially affected individuals. Specifically, Matandy engaged a specialized cybersecurity firm to conduct a forensic investigation to determine the nature and scope of the Event. Matandy informed our law firm and began identifying the potentially affected individuals in preparation for notice. Although Matandy is not aware of any actual or attempted misuse of the affected personal information, Matandy offered 24 months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services.

Additionally, Matandy promptly reset passwords for all accounts, updated policies, and procedures, including the security risk management plan, improved physical security, implemented new technical safeguards, enhanced data security measures, trained workforce members, and implemented periodic technical and nontechnical evaluations.

4. Contact information

Matandy remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Daniel.Parziale@wilsonelser.com or 504-702-1712.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Parziale".

Daniel Parziale

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Exhibit A

Matandy Steel & Metal Products, LLC
c/o Cyberscout
PO Box 1286
Dearborn, MI 48120-9998



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November 14, 2024

Notice of Data Event

Dear [Redacted]:

Matandy Steel & Metal Products, LLC (“Matandy”) writes to inform you of a recent event that may impact some of your personal information. Matandy takes this event seriously and the privacy, security, and confidentiality of information in our care is among our highest priorities. While Matandy is not aware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information to perpetrate fraud, out of an abundance of caution, we are providing you with an overview of the event, our response, and resources to help further protect your information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

What Happened?

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What Information Was Involved?

As part of its normal business operations, Matandy collected certain information from its employees. To that end, and as a result of Matandy’s investigation, Matandy determined that the information related to you that may have been acquired without authorization as a result of the event consists of your name and Social Security number and financial account number.

What We Are Doing?

The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care are among our highest priorities. Upon becoming aware of the event, we moved promptly to investigate and respond to the event and notify potentially affected individuals. We are notifying potentially affected individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to best protect your information, should you feel it is necessary to do so. As an added precaution, we are providing you with 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 twenty-four (24) 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 event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company, specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. While the Matandy is covering the cost of these services, you will need to complete the activation process yourself.

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What You Can Do.

You can learn more about how to help protect yourself against potential information misuse in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information*. There, you will find instructions on how to activate in the complimentary credit monitoring. We also encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and credits reports for suspicious activity, and to report any suspicious activity promptly to your bank, credit card company, or other applicable institution.

For More Information.

We understand that you may have questions about this event that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call the dedicated assistance line at 1-800-405-6108, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays. Please have this letter ready if you call.

Sincerely,

Matandy Steel & Metal Products, LLC

Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information

Activate in Monitoring Services

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]. Please note that the code is case-sensitive and will need to be entered as it appears.

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. Once enrolled you will have 24 months of monitoring services. At the end of 24 months, the services will be deactivated. 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 a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their 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 consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any 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 a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of 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;
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7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.



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Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, 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
1-888-298-0045	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

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 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. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant 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; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>. Matandy Steel & Metal Products LLC is located at 1200 Central Ave., Hamilton, OH 45011.

For New York residents, the New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection, Once Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 51-8-474-8553 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and New York's 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.

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Parent and/or Guardian of [REDACTED]



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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
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