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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 Vomela Specialty Company (“Vomela”) located at 845 Minnehaha Avenue East, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55106 and are writing to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of certain information relating to approximately one (1) Maryland resident. By providing this notice, Vomela 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 December 21, 2024 Vomela was alerted to suspicious activity within its computer environment. Vomela began an investigation to determine the full nature and scope of the event. Based on the investigation, Vomela learned that an unauthorized individual gained access to its network between December 19 and December 21 and that certain files were downloaded without authorization. These files were reviewed for potentially sensitive information. Vomela completed its review of the data on January 28, 2025.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name and Social Security number.

Notice to Maryland Resident

On or about February 10, 2025, Vomela provided written notice of this event to approximately one (1) Maryland resident. 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 becoming aware of the event, Vomela moved quickly to investigate and respond to the event, assess the security of Vomela systems, and identify potentially affected individuals. Further, Vomela notified federal law enforcement regarding the event. Vomela is providing access to credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months, through TransUnion, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this event, at no cost to these individuals. Additionally, Vomela is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against 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) 930-4651.

Very truly yours,



Jillian Seifrit of
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

JZS/sep
Enclosure

EXHIBIT A



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Vomela Specialty Company
c/o Cyberscout
555 Monster Rd SW
Renton, WA 98057
USBFS265



THE VOMELA
COMPANIES

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



February 10, 2025

Dear [REDACTED]:

Vomela Specialty Company (“Vomela”) writes to inform you of an event that may involve some of your information. We are providing you with information and resources to help you protect your information, should you feel it appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On December 21, 2024, we were alerted to suspicious activity within our computer environment. We began an investigation to determine the full nature and scope of the event. Based on the investigation, we learned that an unauthorized individual gained access to our network between December 19 and December 21 and that certain files were downloaded without authorization. These files were reviewed for potentially sensitive information and based on our review, we recently determined that your information was present in the impacted files.

What Information Was Involved? The information related to you that was potentially affected by this event includes [REDACTED]

What We Are Doing. We take the confidentiality, privacy, and security of your information seriously. In response to this event, we took steps to secure our systems and conducted a detailed investigation to confirm the full nature and scope of the event. While we have safeguards in place to protect our data, we are working to review and enhance these protections as part of our ongoing commitment to data security. We are also offering you complimentary access to 12 months of credit monitoring and identity theft protection through TransUnion. Please follow the instructions in the enclosed “*Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information*.”

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. We also encourage you to review the enclosed “*Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information*” and to enroll in credit monitoring and identify theft protection services we are offering. Please note, we are not permitted to enroll you in these services, so you will need to follow the instructions below to take advantage of this service.

For More Information. Individuals with questions regarding this event may call [REDACTED], Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, excluding major holidays. Individuals can also write to Vomela at 845 Minnehaha Avenue East, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Sincerely,

Vomela Specialty Company

Steps You Can Take To Help Protect Personal Information

Enroll 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]. 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 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;
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 they are a victim of identity theft.

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 their 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/>.

For New Mexico residents, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their 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 consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers 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 consumers to review their 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.