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# **VIA ELECTRONIC WEB SUBMISSION**

Attorney General Aaron Frey Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division Security Breach Notification 111 Sewall Street, 6th Floor Augusta, ME 04330

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

To Whom It May Concern:

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP ("Constangy") represents Selective Enterprises, Inc. ("Selective"), a wholesaler and distributor of window covering products in North Carolina, in conjunction with the recent data security incident described in greater detail below. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the incident in accordance with the Maine data breach notification statute.

#### 1. Nature of the Security Incident

On April 7, 2023, Selective became aware of a possible data security incident involving its digital environment. Following discovery, it immediately took steps to secure its digital environment and engaged a dedicated team of external cybersecurity experts to assist in responding to and investigating the incident. As a result of the investigation, Selective learned that an unauthorized actor accessed certain files and data stored within its systems. Selective thereafter launched a comprehensive review of all potentially affected information to identify the individuals and information involved. Selective's review concluded on August 15, 2023, at which time its determined that personal information may have been involved in this incident. Since that time, it has been working diligently to gather contact information and preparing to provide individual notice.

## 2. Type of Information and Number of Maine Residents Notified

The data sets potentially acquired by the malicious actor(s) responsible for this incident included an individual's name and Social Security number. On August 25, 2023, Selective notified one (1) Maine resident 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

Selective reported this incident to federal law enforcement and will cooperate with investigative requests as necessary. It has also 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, Selective has offered individuals 12 months of complimentary services through Experian, 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

Selective 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, Very truly yours,

David McMillan of Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP

Encl: Sample Adult Consumer Notification Letter



August 25, 2023

**Subject: Notice of Data Security Incident** 

Dear Sample A. Sample:

Selective Enterprises, Inc. ("Selective") is writing to inform you of a recent data security incident that may have involved your personal information. Selective takes the privacy and security of all information within its possession very seriously. We are writing to notify you about the incident, provide you with information about steps you can take to help protect your personal information, and offer you the opportunity to enroll in complimentary identity protection services that Selective is making available to you.

What Happened? On April 7, 2023, Selective discovered unusual network activity that disrupted access to certain systems. Upon discovering this activity, Selective immediately took steps to secure our network and launched an investigation with the assistance of independent cybersecurity experts to determine what happened and whether sensitive information may have been affected. The investigation subsequently revealed that certain personal information may have been accessed or acquired without authorization during the incident. On or about August 15, 2023, we completed a comprehensive review of the impacted data potentially containing personal information which identified your information as potentially involved. We then took steps to notify you of the incident as quickly as possible.

What Information Was Involved? The information that may have been impacted includes your name and [Extra1].

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered this incident, we took the steps described above. In addition, we reported this incident to law enforcement and will cooperate as necessary. We also implemented security measures to help reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future. We are further notifying you of this event and advising you about steps you can take to help protect your information.

To help protect your information, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> for [Extra2] 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 [Extra2] 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 [Extra2]-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 November 30, 2023 (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 <<number>> by November 30, 2023. Be prepared to provide engagement number [Engagement Number] as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.

What Can You Do? We recommend you activate your complimentary Experian services using the information provided above. You can also follow the recommendations on the following page to help protect your personal information.

**For More Information:** Further information about how to protect your personal information appears on the following page. If you have questions about the incident, please call our dedicated call center at << number>> from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday; from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time, Saturday and Sunday (excluding holidays). The call center representatives are fully versed on this incident and can answer questions that you may have.

Please be assured that Selective takes the privacy and security of all personal information within its possession very seriously. We hope you will accept our sincere apologies and know that Selective deeply regrets any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Michael Metzcus Selective Enterprises PO Box 410149 Charlotte North Carolina, 28241

#### 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 <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com/">http://www.annualcreditreport.com/</a>, 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	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	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 <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">http://www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.

**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.

**Maryland Attorney General** 

200 St. Paul Place

**New York Attorney General** 

Bureau of Internet and Technology

Washington, DC 20580 consumer.ftc.gov, and www.ftc.gov/idtheft 1-877-438-4338	Baltimore, MD 21202 oag.state.md.us 1-888-743-0023	Resources 28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 1-212-416-8433
North Carolina Attorney General	Rhode Island Attorney General	Washington D.C. Attorney General
9001 Mail Service Center	150 South Main Street	441 4th Street, NW
Raleigh, NC 27699	Providence, RI 02903	Washington, DC 20001
ncdoj.gov	http://www.riag.ri.gov	oag.dc.gov
1-877-566-7226	1-401-274-4400	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 <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</a>.

Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR [Extra2]-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 agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.