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## Notice of Data Breach

[Ms./Mr. NAME] : XXXXXX

We are writing to inform you of a security incident at Les Entreprises La Canadienne Inc. (**La Canadienne**), resulting in the potential unauthorized access to your personal information. We are providing you this letter to inform you of this incident, of the measures available to you to better protect your information, as well as the measures we are taking to continue protecting your personal information.

We want to reassure you that we have no confirmation that your personal information, including your credit card information, has been misused. That said, protecting your personal information and that of all our customers remains our priority. That is why we are offering you a credit monitoring service with Cyberscout, the details of which are explained below.

We take your privacy seriously and regret any inconvenience this incident may cause you.

### ***What Happened?***

La Canadienne was subject to a cybersecurity incident that resulted in the compromise of certain transactions made online on our website <https://www.lacanadienneshoes.com> by an unauthorized third party between November 19, 2022 and January 30, 2023.

### ***What Information Was Involved?***

The investigation revealed that the unauthorized third party gained real-time access to transactions made on our website. Therefore, the information you entered when placing your order during this time may have been accessed by the unauthorized third party. This information includes your name and:

- Information about the credit card used to pay for your order: cardholder name, number, expiry date, and three-digit security code (CVV)
- Email address, billing address associated to the credit card, and mailing address associated with the transaction

It is important to note that at this time, we have no confirmation that your personal information as identified above has been misused. However, since the security of your personal information is an ongoing priority, we wanted to make you aware of this incident and the steps we and you can take to protect yourself.

### ***What We Are Doing.***

Upon discovering this incident, La Canadienne immediately retained the services of Information Technology specialists to contain and investigate the incident. Additionally, to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, we implemented numerous measures designed to enhance the security of our network, systems, and data.

We would like to point out that La Canadienne does not store any payment information on its servers once the transaction has been completed. The unauthorized third party was able to access this payment information only because it was present on our network at the time you entered this information. A forensic investigation completed by an external firm found that this third party is no longer on our network at this time.

### ***What You Can Do.***

Please review the "Information About Identity Theft Protection" reference guide, found at the end of this document, which describes additional steps you may take to help protect yourself, including recommendations from the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details regarding placing a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file.

As an added precaution, to help protect your personal information, we are offering a complimentary a twelve (12) month subscription to online monitoring service with Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

This credit monitoring service will notify you by email of critical changes to your credit report. If you receive an email alert, you will be able to review and validate the reported changes by logging into the portal. This will allow you to detect any potentially fraudulent activity on your credit report.

We encourage you to take advantage of this service and help protect your identity. To activate your service, please follow the steps below:

- (1) Ensure that you **enroll by XX, 2023** (Your code will not work after this date)
- (2) **Visit** the TransUnion IdentityForce website to enroll:  
<https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/stst>
- (3) Provide your **activation code** : XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Should you have any questions regarding the Cyberscout solution, have difficulty enrolling, or require additional support, please contact Cyberscout at 1-800-405-6108 from Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. EST, excluding holidays.

### ***For More Information.***

We take your privacy seriously, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause you. If you would like further information about the incident, please contact our Customer Service department at [privacy@lacanadienneshoes.com](mailto:privacy@lacanadienneshoes.com) or at 1-877-550-5088.

Sincerely,

**Nicholas Niro**  
President  
Les Entreprises La Canadienne Inc.

### **Information About Identity Theft Protection Guide**

Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
Phone: 1-800-685-1111	Phone: 1-888-397-3742	Phone: 1-888-909-8872
P.O. Box 740256	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 105281
Atlanta, Georgia 30348	Allen, Texas 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348-5281
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**Free Credit Report.** We remind you to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. If you identify any unauthorized charges on your financial account statements, you should immediately report any such charges to your financial institution. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov)) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

**For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents:** You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

**Security Freeze.** Security freezes, also known as credit freezes, restrict access to your credit file, making it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. You can freeze and unfreeze your credit file for free. You also can get a free freeze for your children who are under 16. And if you are someone's guardian, conservator or have a valid power of attorney, you can get a free freeze for that person, too.

How will these freezes work? Contact all three of the nationwide credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. If you request a freeze online or by phone, the agency must place the freeze within one business day. If you request a lift of the freeze, the agency must lift it within one hour. If you make your request by mail, the agency must place or lift the freeze within three business days after it gets your request. You also can lift the freeze temporarily without a fee.

The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue.

**For New Mexico residents:** You may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act. For more information, including information about

additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

**Fraud Alerts.** A fraud alert tells businesses that check your credit that they should check with you before opening a new account. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

**Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices.** If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft. You may contact the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/), 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

**For Connecticut Residents:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: Connecticut Attorney General's Office, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, [www.ct.gov/ag](http://www.ct.gov/ag)

**For District of Columbia Residents:** You may contact the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 4th Street NW, Suite 1100 South, Washington, D.C. 20001, <https://oag.dc.gov>, 202-442-9828.

**For Maryland Residents:** You may contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us), 1-888-743-0023.

**For New York Residents:** You may contact the New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12231-0001, 518-474-8583 / 1-800-697-1220, <http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection>; and New York State Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov>.

**For North Carolina residents:** You may contact the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov), 1-877-566-7226.

**For Rhode Island Residents:** You may contact the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, <http://www.riag.gov>, 401-274-4400.

#### **Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.**

You have the right to obtain any police report filed in the United States in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of fraud or identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report.

**For Iowa residents:** You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Iowa Attorney General.

**For Massachusetts residents:** You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft. You also have a right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

**For Oregon residents:** You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General.

**For Rhode Island residents:** You have the right to file or obtain a police report regarding this incident.