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NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Pitman Farms is writing to let you know of an incident that involved some of your information. This letter explains the incident, measures we have taken, and additional steps you may consider taking in response.

What Happened?

We identified a security incident which is alleged to have impacted the availability and functionality of our computer systems on or about October 15-16, 2022. We immediately began to investigate, a cybersecurity firm was engaged, and measures were taken to address the incident and restore operations. We also notified law enforcement. Findings from the investigation indicated that on or around October 15-16, 2022 an unauthorized party attempted a ransomware attack and asserted it has accessed and may have copied certain files from our network. We conducted a review of the files involved and cannot confirm whether the unauthorized party actually accessed/copied the files, but are providing this notice out of an abundance of caution in the event that certain files claimed to have been accessed/copied were actually accessed/copied, they would have included some of your information.

What Information Was Involved?

Our review determined that in the event the information in the files the unauthorized party claims to have accessed/copied were actually accessed/copied, it may have included your name, Social Security Number, address, and bank account number.

What We Are Doing.

We want to assure you that we take this very seriously. We are conducting our investigation and have notified law enforcement and are fully supporting their investigation. To prevent something like this from happening again, we have implemented additional measures to enhance our existing security protocols to prevent any such future attacks.

What You Can Do

We recommend that you remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing your financial account statements, including credit cards and bank activity. You should immediately report any suspicious activity to your financial institution.

Other Important Information

Additional Steps You Can Take

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity over the next 12 to 24 months. 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 or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228.

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

- *Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111
- *Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742
- *TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com, 1-800-916-8800

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 state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

- Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), www.identitytheft.gov

Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes

Fraud Alerts: There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. 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.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

Credit or Security Freezes: You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That is because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they cannot see your report, they may not extend the credit.

How do I place a freeze on my credit reports? There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

- **Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, www.equifax.com
- **Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com
- **TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, www.transunion.com

You will need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

How do I lift a freeze? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

For More Information

We regret that this incident occurred and apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call (559) 875-9300, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sincerely,

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