## ELYRIA FOUNDRY NOTICE OF DATA PRIVACY EVENT

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Elyria Foundry Holdings LLC is providing notice of a recent incident that may have affected the privacy certain individuals' personal information. This incident affected our Elyria Foundry and Hodge Foundry locations. Even though we have no evidence of any fraudulent misuse of any personal information, we are providing information about the incident, our response, and resources available to individuals to help protect their information, should they decide to do so.

What Happened? On June 25, 2024, we became aware of suspicious activity in our computer network. We quickly secured our network and hired outside specialists to help us investigate. The investigation found that for a few hours between June 24, 2024, and June 25, 2024, an unknown actor accessed part of our network and may have viewed and/or copied some of our files. In response, we reviewed the affected files to identify whether those files contained any personal information. Our review found that information about current and former employees and their spouses and dependents may have been impacted by this incident.

What Information Was Involved? While we have no indication of identity theft or fraud in relation to this incident, our review determined that the following types of information were present in the affected files: name and Social Security number.

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of personal information are among our highest priorities. Before this incident happened, we already had advanced security measures in place to protect our systems and information. After we became aware of this incident, we made additional improvements to our network's security to help prevent this from happening again in the future.

What You Can Do. If you did not receive a letter but believe this incident may have affected you, we encourage you to stay alert for incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and checking your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. You may also review the information contained in the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Personal Information*.

**For More Information.** If you have additional questions or concerns, Elyria has established a dedicated assistance line at 440-328-4454 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding major U.S. holidays.

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

## **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 <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> 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 you 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/cre dit-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; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 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.