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December 22, 2021

Dear Sample A. Sample:

GFL Environmental Inc. (“GFL”) was recently the target of a sophisticated ransomware attack. We have no evidence that any of your personal information has or will be misused, but we wanted to make you aware of the incident, the measures we have taken in response, and to provide details on proactive steps you may consider taking to help protect your information.

### ***What Happened***

On October 8, 2021, GFL discovered that it sustained a sophisticated ransomware attack. Once the incident was discovered, GFL immediately retained leading cybersecurity firms to assist in responding and help conduct a thorough investigation of the incident.

The investigation revealed that the threat actor accessed certain GFL systems at various times between October 7, 2021 and October 8, 2021. During this time period, the threat actor copied a limited amount of information before deploying ransomware.

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

The investigation determined that the following information may have been accessed during the attack: your name <<**Exposure**>>. Please be assured, we have no reason to believe your information was targeted by this attack.

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

GFL immediately reported the incident to, and is working closely with the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Additionally, to help prevent a similar occurrence in the future, we implemented numerous additional measures designed to enhance the security of our network, systems, and data.

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

Please review the “Information About Identity Theft Protection” reference guide, enclosed here, 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 12 month membership of Equifax Complete™ Premier. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

## **Enrollment Instructions**

- Ensure that you enroll by **March 31, 2022** (your code will not work after this date)
  - Visit the Equifax Complete™ Premier website to enroll **[www.equifax.com/activate](http://www.equifax.com/activate)**
  - Enter your unique Activation Code of **ABCDEFGHI** then click “Submit”
1. **Register:** Complete the form with your contact information and click “Continue”.  
*If you already have a myEquifax account, click the ‘Sign in here’ link under the “Let’s get started” header. Once you have successfully signed in, you will skip to the Checkout Page in Step 4.*
  2. **Create Account:** Enter your email address, create a password, and accept the terms of use.
  3. **Verify Identity:** To enroll in your product, we will ask you to complete our identity verification process.
  4. **Checkout:** Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page. Click ‘Sign Me Up’ to finish enrolling.

**You’re done!** The confirmation page shows your completed enrollment. Click “View My Product” to access the product features.

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

The security of your personal information is important to us and we sincerely regret that this incident occurred. For more information, please call 1-866-403-5885, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time or Saturday through Sunday between 9 a.m and 6 p.m Eastern Time.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Dovigi*

Patrick Dovigi  
CEO  
GFL Environmental 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 P.O. Box 740256 Atlanta, Georgia 30348 www.equifax.com	Phone: 1-888-397-3742 P.O. Box 9554 Allen, Texas 75013 www.experian.com	Phone: 1-888-909-8872 P.O. Box 105281 Atlanta, GA 30348-5281 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.ri.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.