

BLACKHAWK MINING, LLC PROVIDES NOTICE OF DATA SECURITY INCIDENT

Lexington, Kentucky – March 3, 2021. Blackhawk Mining, LLC (“Blackhawk”) is providing notice of a network security event that may have impacted individuals’ information.

What Happened? On January 28, 2021, Blackhawk discovered a malware incident impacting certain systems within its information technology environment. Blackhawk immediately worked to restore its systems and launched an investigation, with assistance from third-party computer forensic specialists, to determine the nature and scope of the incident. Its investigation determined that certain data in the environment may have been subject to unauthorized access or acquisition. Therefore, Blackhawk conducted a review of the potentially impacted data to determine the type of information and to whom it related. Blackhawk also worked to engage additional services and resources for these individuals.

What Information Was Involved? Information in the reviewed files varied by individual, but collectively consisted of first and last names and the following: health information, health insurance beneficiary numbers, credit or debit card numbers, financial account numbers, passport numbers, driver’s license or state identification numbers, and Social Security numbers.

What Blackhawk Is Doing. Blackhawk takes this incident and the security of information in its care very seriously. Upon learning of this incident, Blackhawk moved quickly to investigate and respond to this incident, assess the security of its systems, restore functionality to its environment, and notify potentially affected individuals. As part of its ongoing commitment to the security of information, Blackhawk notified federal law enforcement and is reviewing and enhancing existing policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event.

Additionally, Blackhawk is notifying potentially affected individuals so they may take further steps to protect their information, should they feel it is appropriate to do so. As an added precaution, Blackhawk is offering complimentary access to credit monitoring and identity restoration services to potentially impacted individuals.

What Individuals Can Do. Blackhawk encourages individuals to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud and to review their account statements and free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Blackhawk also encourages individuals to review the "Steps Individuals Can Take to Help Protect Their Personal Information" for adults and minors below.

For More Information. Individuals may call our dedicated assistance line at 800-501-0118 (toll free), Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (excluding U.S. holidays). Individuals may also write Blackhawk Mining, LLC at Attn: Blair Wood, Human Resources Manager, 250 West Main Street, Ste. 200, Lexington, KY 40507.

Steps Individuals Can Take to Help Protect Their Personal Information

Monitor Accounts

Free Credit Report. It is recommended that individuals remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring their credit reports for unauthorized activity, and immediately report incidents of suspected identity theft to both their financial provider and law enforcement.

Individuals may obtain a copy of their credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. Individuals may also seek to have information relating to fraudulent transactions removed from their credit report. To order an annual free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228.

Individuals can also order their annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's website at www.consumer.ftc.gov) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Fraud Alert. At no cost, individuals may place a fraud alert in their file by contacting one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies below. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting individuals before they open any new accounts or change individuals’ existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect

individuals, but also may delay them when they seek to obtain credit. If individuals are victims of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-525-6285

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-800-680-7289

<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>

Security Freeze. Individuals have the right place a security freeze on their credit report free of charge. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in individuals' names without their consent. To place a security freeze on a credit report, individuals may be able to use an online process, an automated telephone line, or a written request to any of the three credit reporting agencies listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if individuals are requesting credit reports for their spouses, this information must be provided for them 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; (5) legible copy of a government issued identification card; (6) legible copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement that displays a name and current mailing address, and the date of issue; and (7) any applicable incident report or complaint filed with a law enforcement agency.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-298-0045

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices. If individuals believe they are victims of identity theft or have reason to believe their personal information has been misused, they should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in their home state. They may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft. Individuals may contact the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.identitytheft.gov, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), and TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

Monitor Minors' Accounts

Typically, credit reporting agencies do not have a credit report in a minor's name. To find out if a minor has a credit report or to request a manual search for a minor's Social Security number each credit bureau has its own process. To learn more about these processes or request these services, individuals may contact the credit bureaus by phone or in writing or may visit the below websites:

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/form-minor-child.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
1-888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/credit-disputes/child-identity-theft-inquiry-form

Equifax

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/education/identity-theft/child-identity-theft/>

To request information about the existence of a credit file in a minor's name, search for a minor's Social Security number, place a security freeze on a minor's credit file, place a fraud alert on a minor's credit report (if one exists), or request a copy of a minor's credit report individuals may be required to provide the following information:

- A copy of their driver's license or another government issued identification card, such as a state ID card, etc.;
- Proof of address, such as a copy of a bank statement, utility bill, insurance statement, etc.;

- A copy of their minor's birth certificate;
- A copy of their minor's Social Security card;
- Minor's full name, including middle initial and generation, such as JR, SR, II, III, etc.;
- Minor's date of birth; and
- Previous addresses for the past two years.