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Attorney General Robert W. Ferguson  
Office of the Attorney General  
1125 Washington Street SE  
PO Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

Re: Notification of Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Ferguson:

We are writing to inform you that our client, thyssenkrupp Materials group of companies in the United States and Canada (“tk Materials”), has notified approximately 1,250 individuals who reside in Washington of a data security incident that may have impacted some of their personal information.

On December 28, 2020, tk Materials was the target of a ransomware attack encrypting its servers and workstations. tk Materials took immediate action to investigate and isolate the attack and secure its IT environment. The servers and workstations contained HR information about tk Materials’ current and former employees, which could include some or all of the following: employee names, addresses, social security numbers, birthdates, direct deposit information, payroll information, health information and contact information.

tk Materials takes the security of its employees’ personal information very seriously and has taken steps to prevent a reoccurrence by increasing the monitoring of its networks, further improving access controls, and hardening its systems.

tk Materials initially provided notice to the potentially affected current employees on January 8, 2021 and provided an update to them on January 19, 2021. A copy of the notification letter to all potentially affected individuals sent to the vendor to be mailed January 28, 2021 is attached. The three major Credit Reporting Agencies are also being notified.

tk Materials is offering identity theft protection services through TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®. Services include 24 months of credit monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed ID theft recovery services. Information regarding these services, as well as additional information to assist with enrollment, was provided

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to current employees on January 19<sup>th</sup> and also is included in the notification letter mailed to all potentially affected individuals.

Please contact me for any additional information.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Scott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin M. Scott

Shareholder

KMS:



thyssenkrupp

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**Notice of Data Breach**

Dear <<Name 1>>:

**What Happened?**

As many of you may be aware, on December 28, 2020, the thyssenkrupp Materials group of companies in the United States and Canada (“tk Materials”) was the victim of a ransomware attack encrypting our servers and workstations. We took immediate action to investigate and isolate the attack and secure our IT environment.

**What Information was Involved?**

The threat actor had access to the data in our system which could include HR information about our current and former employees. The information we maintain about you may include one or more of the following: name, address, social security number, birthdate, direct deposit information, payroll information, health information, and contact information.

**What We are Doing**

We take the security of personal information very seriously, and we want to assure you that we’ve already taken steps to prevent a reoccurrence by increasing the monitoring of our networks, further improving access controls and hardening our systems.

As we previously informed you in our prior communications, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online, three-bureau credit monitoring service (*myTrueIdentity*) for two years provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.

**How to Enroll: You can sign up online or via U.S. mail delivery**

- To enroll in this service, go to the *myTrueIdentity* website at [www.MyTrueIdentity.com](http://www.MyTrueIdentity.com) and, in the space referenced as “Enter Activation Code,” enter the 12-letter Activation Code <<Insert Unique 12-letter Activation Code>> and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.
- If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper-based, three-bureau credit monitoring service, via U.S. Mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at **1-855-288-5422**. When prompted, enter the six-digit telephone passcode **698734** and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.

You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and **May 31, 2021**. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

**What You Can Do**

Please review the enclosed "Additional Important Information" section included with this letter. This section describes additional steps you can take to help protect yourself, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file, should you choose to do so. You can also contact the FTC for more information.

As an added precaution, you may wish to monitor your personal accounts and change your passwords, particularly if you logged into any sensitive accounts (e.g., banking or financial institution accounts) from a tk Materials' workstation. If you re-used your tk Materials' account password(s) for any personal accounts, you should consider changing those passwords as well.

**For More Information**

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding this incident, please call 800-475-1420, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

If you have questions regarding enrollment in the credit monitoring service, please call 1-855-288-5422, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please have your activation code ready.

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT HR with questions.** We have set up the toll-free numbers to answer any questions you may have about this incident and to assist you in enrolling in the complimentary services we are providing, should you need help.

We take the security of all information in our systems very seriously. Please know that the protection of your personal information is our utmost priority, and we sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience that this matter may cause you.

Sincerely,



Ellen Wood  
VP Human Resources

### Additional Important Information

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

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

**For residents of New Mexico:** You are advised to review your personal account statements and credit reports, as applicable, to detect errors resulting from the security incident, and your rights pursuant to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. Please see the contact information for the Federal Trade Commission listed below.

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**For residents of District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, and Rhode Island:**

You can obtain information from the District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, New York, and Rhode Island Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

<b>DC Attorney General</b> 400 6th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001 1-202-727-3400 <a href="http://www.oag.dc.gov">www.oag.dc.gov</a>	<b>Maryland Office of Attorney General</b> 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 <a href="http://www.oag.state.md.us">www.oag.state.md.us</a>	<b>Rhode Island Office of Attorney General</b> 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 <a href="http://www.riag.ri.gov">www.riag.ri.gov</a>	<b>North Carolina Attorney General</b> 9001 Mail Service Ctr Raleigh, NC 27699 1-877-566-7226 <a href="http://www.ncdoj.com">www.ncdoj.com</a>	<b>New York Attorney General</b> 120 Broadway 3rd Floor New York, NY 10271 <a href="http://www.ag.ny.gov">www.ag.ny.gov</a>
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**Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center**  
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov)

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**For residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:** You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

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**For residents of all states:**

It is recommended that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing payment card account statements and monitoring your credit reports for unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your 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 at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax ([https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\\_Alert\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf)), Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>), or Transunion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert>). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. Initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze for yourself or your spouse or a minor under 16: (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) Proof of current address, such as current utility or telephone bill, bank or insurance statement; (6) legible photocopy of government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and (7) if you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. It is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

**Equifax Security Freeze**  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
800-525-6285

**Experian Security Freeze**  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013-9544  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)  
888-397-3742

**TransUnion Security Freeze**  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19016-0200  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)  
800-680-7289

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING SERVICE:**

- Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain two years of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score.
- The daily three-bureau credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit files at TransUnion,<sup>®</sup> Experian,<sup>®</sup> and Equifax,<sup>®</sup> including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more.
- The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)