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Via Priority Mail



We are writing to notify you of an issue that involves certain of your personal information. Below are details about the issue and steps you can take to help protect your information.

# What Happened?

In late May, a third-party software provider, Progress Software, announced a security vulnerability involving its MOVEit Transfer solution. MOVEit Transfer is a file transfer tool used by many organizations, including Hess, to support the transfer of data files. After learning of the issue, Hess took immediate steps to remediate the vulnerability. In addition, we engaged leading outside cybersecurity experts to conduct a forensic investigation to assess the potential impact to Hess files. There is no indication at this time that any other Hess systems or networks were impacted by this issue.

#### What Information Was Involved?

Based on the investigation, we recently determined that, between May 29, 2023 and June 1, 2023, an unauthorized party obtained certain files transferred through the MOVEit tool. Among the relevant files were scanned copies of checks containing your name, address, bank account number and routing number.

## What We Are Doing

As indicated above, we promptly launched an investigation after learning of the matter and have been working with external cybersecurity experts to determine the nature and scope of the issue. Hess also has implemented all available patches to the software per the vendor's instructions. In addition, we are coordinating with federal law enforcement authorities, who are investigating this supply chain incident on behalf of many companies.

#### What You Can Do

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you and are alerting you about this issue so you can take steps to help protect your information. Steps you can take include:

- Order a Credit Report. You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228.
- Remain Vigilant. We encourage you to remain alert for any unsolicited communications regarding your personal information, reviewing your account statements for suspicious activity and monitoring your free credit reports.
- <u>Review the Enclosed Reference Guide</u>. The enclosed Reference Guide provides additional recommendations on the protection of personal information.

### For More Information

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call 1-877-296-1343.

Sincerely,

Doug Cohan

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#### Reference Guide

We encourage affected individuals to take the following steps:

<u>Order Your Free Credit Report.</u> To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC's") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three nationwide consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you haven't requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names. The consumer reporting agency will be able to tell you when that is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in your information (such as home address and Social Security number). If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the consumer reporting agencies of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate consumer reporting agency by telephone and in writing. Consumer reporting agency staff will review your report with you. If the information cannot be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that cannot be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

**Report Incidents.** If you detect any unauthorized transactions in a financial account, promptly notify your payment card company or financial institution. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC and your state Attorney General. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the FTC recommends that you take these steps:

- Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. For streamlined checklists and sample letters to help guide you through the recovery process, please visit https://www.identitytheft.gov/.
- File a local police report. Obtain a copy of the police report and submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

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

Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File. To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three consumer reporting agencies. For more information on fraud alerts, you also may contact the FTC as described above.

Equifax	Equifax Information Services LLC	1-800-525-6285	www.equifax.com
	P.O. Box 740241		
	Atlanta, GA 30374		
Experian	Experian Inc.	1-888-397-3742	www.experian.com
	P.O. Box 9554		
	Allen, TX 75013		
TransUnion	TransUnion LLC	1-800-680-7289	www.transunion.com
	P.O. Box 2000		
	Chester, PA 19016		

Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File. You may wish to place a "security freeze" (also known as a "credit freeze") on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually. There is no charge to place or lift a security freeze. For more information on security freezes, you may contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies or the FTC as described above. As the instructions for establishing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information.

The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide:

- Your full name with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III)
- Your Social Security number
- Your date of birth
- Addresses where you have lived over the past five years
- A legible copy of a government-issued identification card (such as a state driver's license or military ID card)
- Proof of your current residential address (such as a current utility bill or account statement)

<u>For Oregon Residents.</u> We encourage you to report suspected identity theft to the Oregon Attorney General at:

Oregon Department of Justice 1162 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4096 1-877-877-9392 (toll-free in Oregon) 1-503-378-4400 http://www.doj.state.or.us