

North Carolina Security Breach Reporting Form
Pursuant to the Identity Theft Protection Act of 2005

Name of Business Owning or Licensing Information Affected by the Breach: Gerdau Ameristeel
Address: 4221 N Boy Scout Blvd, Suite 600
Tampa, Florida 33607
Telephone: 813-286-8383
Fax: 813-207-2251
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PLEASE SUBMIT FORM TO:
Consumer Protection Division
NC Attorney General's Office
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
Telephone: (919) 716-6000
Toll Free in NC: (877) 566-7226
FAX: (919) 716-6050

Date Security Breach Reporting Form submitted: April 22, 2008
Date the Security Breach was discovered: March 18, 2008
Estimated number of affected individuals: 19,000
Estimated number of NC residents affected: 1,100

Name of business maintaining or possessing information that was the subject of the Security Breach, if the business that experienced the Security Breach is not the same entity as the business reporting the Security Breach (pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-65(b)): N/A

Describe the circumstances surrounding the Security Breach and state whether the information breached was in electronic or paper format: A decommissioned server was inadvertently left unprotected by the Company's firewall.

Regarding electronic information breached, state whether the information breached or potentially breached was password protected or encrypted in some manner. NO If so, please describe the security measures protecting the information: N/A

Describe any measures taken to prevent a similar Security Breach from occurring in the future: Increased security testing; updated security policies and procedures.

Date affected NC residents were/will be notified: April 14, 2008

If there has been any delay in notifying affected NC residents, describe the circumstances surrounding the delay pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-65(a) and (c): N/A

If the delay was pursuant to a request from law enforcement pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-65(c), please include the written request or the contemporaneous memorandum.

How NC residents were/will be notified?
(pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-65(e))

- written notice
 electronic notice (email)
 telephone notice
 substitute notice

Please attach copy of the notice if in written form or a copy of any scripted notice if in telephonic form.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/22/08

Contact Person, Title: Robert P. Wallace, Corporate Attorney

Address: 4221 W. Boy Scout Blvd, Suite 600, Tampa, FL 33607

(if different from above) (Same)

Telephone: 813-207-2289 Fax: 813-207-2251 Email: rpwallace@gerdauameristeel.com



April 14, 2008

«First_Name» «Last_Name»
«Address»
«City», «State» «Zip1» «Zip2»

Re: Information Security Incident

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»:

As part of Gerdau Ameristeel's process of assessing the security of its information technology systems, we recently learned that certain company files were electronically accessed without authorization by a third party. Some of these files contained personal information of our employees and/or certain family members, including some or all of the following information: name, social security number, and address. We believe your information was contained on these files. Please note that we have filed a report with law enforcement regarding this incident, and we will continue to follow up with law enforcement on the progress of their investigation.

As you can imagine, we take our employees' privacy very seriously. We learned of this incident as a result of a regular review of our security controls, and, following this incident, we promptly instituted additional controls to further minimize the risk that this type of event occurs in the future.

In line with these efforts, we have made arrangements with Experian, a credit reporting company, to provide you, at no cost, a 12-month membership to a credit monitoring plan, Triple AdvantageSM Premium, which will provide you with unlimited access to your credit report(s) and will identify and notify you of any key changes in your three national credit reports that may indicate fraudulent activity.

You will have ninety (90) days to activate this membership, which will then continue for 12 full months. We encourage you to activate your credit monitoring membership quickly and to be vigilant in monitoring your credit information. To redeem your Triple AdvantageSM Premium membership, please copy this link into your Internet browser: <http://partner.consumerinfo.com/gerdau> and enter the code provided below. You will be instructed on how to initiate your online membership. To sign up by telephone, dial 866-252-8836 toll free. If you sign up by telephone, all credit reports and alerts will be delivered by the US Post Office.

NAME: «First_Name» «Last_Name»

CODE: [«Primary_Code»]

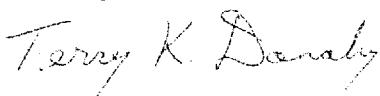
Your complimentary membership(s) includes:

- One 3-Bureau Report when you sign up.
- Unlimited access to your Experian Credit Report and Credit Score.
- Monitoring of all three of your national credit reports every day.
- Email or SMS text alerts when key changes are identified.
- \$25,000 identity theft insurance provided by Virginia Surety Company, Inc. (*note: this particular feature is not applicable to New York residents due to New York state law restrictions*).
- Access to Fraud Resolution Representatives.

For further protection, you also have the option of calling one of the credit reporting agencies to place a "fraud alert" on your credit file. This notification alerts creditors to use additional steps to verify your identity prior to granting credit in your name. Once the fraud alert has been placed with one of the agencies, a notification automatically will be sent on your behalf to the other two credit reporting agencies who will add the alert to their files or contact you to obtain additional information. Note that this option may cause a delay if you intend to open up new credit accounts. For additional information on how to protect yourself against identity theft, please review the Federal Trade Commission's guide at <http://onguardonline.gov/idtheft.html>.

Finally, if you have any additional questions related to this situation, we have established a support center that you can call toll-free at 866-252-8836. This number is available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. eastern time and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time. We are committed to taking appropriate steps to protect the confidential information of you and your family. We regret any inconvenience or concern that this matter may cause you.

Sincerely,



Terry K. Danahy
Vice President and
Chief Human Resources Officer