

Confidential Internal Memo

Project: Horizon Phoenix

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To: Operations & Development Teams

Subject: Security Vulnerability Report – URGENT

Following the penetration test completed on 13 August 2025, the following high-risk issues were identified in our production systems:

1. Customer Data Leak Risk:

- Database server db-prod-03 contains an unsecured table with names, addresses, and credit card numbers for ~24,500 customers.
- Vulnerability located in PaymentGatewayController.php line 221, related to unescaped SQL queries.
- Impacted accounts include high-profile clients:
 - Sarah Jenkins (CEO, J-Tech Solutions)
 - Michael Zhang (CFO, BrightView Capital)
 - David Ramirez (Minister of Infrastructure)

2. Hardcoded Credentials:

- API key for Stripe payments: sk_live_51HvX34fL2mN7zQb6T...
- Root admin password for staging server: Adm1n#2025! shared among three developers.

3. Network Exposure:

- Firewall misconfiguration on vpn-hq-secure allowing inbound SSH from any IP.
- Last successful suspicious login: 2025-08-12 02:14:55 UTC from IP 185.23.91.42 (Ukraine).

Required Actions:

- Immediately rotate all credentials listed above.
- Patch SQL injection vulnerability by end of day 15 August 2025.
- Restrict VPN to internal IP ranges only.

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