Hacktortionist!

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A hacker contacted the CEO of your company and demanded a payment of $35,000 or he will penetrate your system and incur significant damage to the company (what that might be is not described). At the very least, if your company does not pay, the hacker will launch an attack that if successful will cost your company far more than the $35,000 requested from the "Hacktortionist".

You are the new ISO, brought on board to bring up to par the company's security which is woeful. You have been on the job less than two weeks, not enough time to do more than generally assess the poor state of the network. The CEO of your company asks you to recommend a position and outline a course of <u>immediate</u> action. The hacker expects a reponse in 2 hours. What specific steps do you recommend that the CEO follow as he responds to the Hacktortionist. (You are not being asked what steps should be subsequently taken to bring the network up to speed, rather, what steps can be immediately taken in response to the hacker). Make certain you identify the ethical basis for your response.