

MEDIA ALERT

All Editors/ Journalists
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For Immediate Release

Subject: Warning against fraudulent emails targeting Tender Applicants in Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport

The Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport wishes to inform the public and all stakeholders that it has become aware of fraudulent emails being circulated that falsely claim to be from the Department . These emails are targeting business people who recently submitted tenders, soliciting funds under the guise of official transactions.

We want to categorically state that these emails are not from the Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport and are part of a scam to defraud unsuspecting individuals and businesses.

The Department takes this matter very seriously and urges all individuals who receive such emails to exercise caution and refrain from responding to or engaging with the senders. Please be aware of the following key points:

- 1. Do Not Respond:** If you receive an email that solicits funds or personal information purportedly from our Department , do not respond to the email or provide any information.
- 2. Do Not Make Contact:** Avoid calling any cellphone numbers or email addresses provided in these communications, as they are likely to be associated with the scammers.
- 3. Report Suspicious Activity:** We encourage anyone who receives these fraudulent emails to report them immediately to local law enforcement authorities as well as to the department. You can reach out to us directly through our official contact channels for guidance.

4. Verify Communication: Any communications bearing the Mpumalanga Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport logo. If you are unsure of the authenticity of a communication, please verify it with the Department directly.

Our Department is committed to maintaining the integrity of our procurement processes and ensuring the safety of our stakeholders. We will continue to work closely with relevant authorities to investigate these fraudulent activities and protect our business partners

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