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MEDIA STATEMENT

PUBLIC WORKS WARNS OF YET ANOTHER RECRUITMENT SCAM

The National Department of Public Works would like to warn job seekers against falling for yet another recruitment scam perpetrated in the name of the Department.

The latest scam, through a bogus employment agency called Path Finders, promises job seekers positions at the department's call centre. The scam requests the successful applicant to deposit R500 for an agency stamp to an account, whose recipient is Martha B Lepogo. The employment seeker is also given a bogus Workers Membership form to fill with personal details including address and ID number.

The Department of Public Works is a public entity which is an equal opportunity employer and does not use employment agencies to recruit for any position. For job recruitment, the Department of Public Works advertises internally, through newspapers, through the official DPW website and through the DPSA gazette. The official job application form in the public service is the Z83 form, available for free at any government department. The Department of Public Works does not require any money to be paid by anyone who is applying for a job.

DPW requests anyone interested in applying for positions at the department, including learnerships, internships and call centre agents, to verify the legitimacy of the posts before making any payments and divulging personal information that may be used to defraud them or compromise their security in the future. We request all employment seekers to visit the nearest Public Works office to verify with the HR unit or the Human Capital Investment unit. Alternatively, go to the official DPW website on www.publicworks.gov.za.

The National department of Public Works has 11 regional offices in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Kimberley, Durban, Mthatha, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, Polokwane, Mahikeng and Nelspruit. The head office is also situated in Pretoria, corner Bosman and Madiba Streets.

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