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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **WARNING: TENDER SCAM**

It has come to the Greater Tzaneen Municipality's attention that an individual or individuals are posing as directors of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality sending out emails to unsuspecting companies requesting to be called "ASAP" regarding tenders advertised by the Greater Tzaneen Municipality.

These fraudsters request an upfront payment in exchange for a tender once the company director or representative makes contact. It must be stated categorically clear that these are acts of fraudsters/scammers.

Members of the public must be warned that these emails are purported to come from directors of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality but are not from the directors.

An investigation into the matter is underway to determine whether there is indeed a security breach on our system. We have also roped in the State Security Agency (SSA) to assist in the matter.

Jobs and tenders in the municipality are not for sale and no individual can singlehandedly secure any employment or tender as the outcomes of the employment process or adjudication of bids are determined by a panel or panels.

Members of the public are warned never to fall into a trap of paying bribes for jobs or tenders. Those who have paid money for either jobs or tenders ended up as victims and lost their money. Paying for a job or tender is a bribe which is a criminal offence in South Africa.

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