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WARNING AGAINST FRAUDULENT TENDERS

Transnet Engineering (TE) would like to warn members of the public about fraudulent request for proposals, quotations and tenders that are being sent out using the TE logo and the names of the employees within TE. These fraudulent activities, which has recently been doing rounds, takes many forms and include the following:

- A middleman claiming to have internal Transnet “connection” dupes a prospective service provider to pay him a commission to secure a Transnet tender.
- Fake request for quotations and tenders via email using the TE logo and in some instances features the names and images of employees within the company. Typically, the email is sent to unsuspecting suppliers requesting them to send quotations or to deliver goods. After submission of a quote by a supplier, communication is then sent to the “successful” supplier stating the quote has been accepted and delivery may take place or goods will be collected from the premises of the supplier.
- Often these scams use the following email addresses; addresses that usually end with @transnetsa.net, @transnetfreightrails.net, @transnet-jhb.net, Gmail, Yahoo, transnetengineerings, webmail or any other internet domain. All valid Transnet email addresses end with @transnet.net.

Ms Zodwa Mashishi, Executive Manager: Corporate Affairs says “we would like to caution that no Transnet Engineering employee irrespective of their position, other than delegated procurement officials, is allowed to manage or influence the procurement process”.

Transnet Engineering make use of National Treasury’s Central Supplier Database (CSD) for quotations and when the company need to procure goods, services or work, this is done through an open tender process or calls for quotes using the Treasury website as well as details of suppliers on the CSD.

TE invites anyone who may be aware of such scams to call the anonymous toll-free fraud hotline number 0800 003 056 or email Transnet@tip-offs.com.

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