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TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF TENDERS (RFP) AND REQUESTS FOR QUOTATION (RFQS) SCAMS

The Council for Geoscience (CGS) has been inundated with complaints and concerns relating to an existing TENDER/RFQ FRAUD SCAM where fraudsters are purporting to be CGS SCM employees and are soliciting bribes or facilitation fees in exchange for securing tender/RFQ opportunities.

The fraudsters would ordinarily call unsuspecting prospective bidders using mobile numbers and mention the TENDER/RFQ that the bidders have submitted bids for and go further to guarantee them the "job" in exchange for a "facilitation fee". Please note that, as part of the CGS SCM procedures, once a bid closes, a list of all bidders and their bid amounts are published on the CGS website.

In addition, please be advised that under no circumstances will the CGS ever require an upfront payment to secure an award of a tender or RFQ. Claims by individuals for upfront payment is a blatant attempt at defrauding unsuspecting suppliers/bidders, therefore such a scam must immediately be reported to the CGS Anonymous Tip-Off Line (contact details are listed below).

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Email: geoscience@whistleblowing.co.za
WhatsApp Chatbot 031 308 4664
Toll Free Fax: 0800 212 689
Postal: FREEPOST KZN665, MUSGRAVE, 4062
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The CGS follows a fair, competitive and transparent procurement process in evaluating and awarding bids. Therefore, prospective suppliers and the public at large are urged to be vigilant and exercise caution when approached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Nase', written over a horizontal line.

Ms A.Nase

Acting Manager: Supply Chain Management

DATE: 14-02-2024

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