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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Att : All Editors**  
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**SCAM ALERT: FRAUDULENT PAYMENT REQUESTS TARGETING SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**Mahikeng** – The North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has been alerted to fraudulent activities involving individuals impersonating departmental officials and targeting service providers who previously submitted bids for the Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES), specifically for shade nets and cattle feed.

These fraudsters have been using the numbers 071 287 2164 (Mr Khumalo) and 076 745 9884 (Mr Modiba) to falsely identify themselves as Department officials. They are demanding R3, 000 from service providers, claiming that the payment is required to secure PES-related orders.

This is a deliberate and unlawful scam. The PES Phase 3 programme concluded in the previous financial year, and no ongoing procurement processes are associated with it. The Department does not request, nor accept, any form of payment in exchange for awarding contracts or tenders. Any such request is fraudulent and must be treated as a criminal act.

We strongly urge service providers not to engage with these individuals, not to transfer any funds, and to report any suspicious communication immediately to the Department or the South African Police Service.

We commend those service providers who acted responsibly by reporting these fraudulent attempts and verifying the legitimacy of these claims. Your vigilance plays a crucial role in safeguarding the integrity of public programmes and protecting businesses from exploitation.

The North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development remains committed to ensuring fair, transparent, and ethical procurement practices. We are working closely with the relevant authorities to identify and hold accountable those responsible for this scam.

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