

Financial Services Commission Mauritius

ALERT

On Phishing

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (the "FSC Mauritius") refers to the <u>Alert on Phishing</u> issued on 18 March 2014.

The FSC Mauritius wishes to draw the attention of the members of the public to phishing emails currently in circulation wherein high profile names such as Bill Gates, Lesetja Kganyago (the Governor of the Reserve Bank of South Africa) and Ban Ki-Moon (the current Secretary-General of the United Nations) and reference to international organisations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (the 'OECD'), Google, to mention a few, are being cited/made.

Kindly note that allusion to famous persons/entities is a device to dishonestly establish credibility and lure the public into giving suit to the phishing emails. You are reminded that phishing is an attempt to gain access to confidential information by means of a scheme whereby on the foreground a trustworthy entity appears as the sender of the electronic message.

The FSC Mauritius urges members of the public to exercise appropriate caution in respect of such phishing scam.

You may wish to consult the following alerts which provides the examples of related phishing email:

- Alert Phishing Attempt by Mrs. Martina Phil
- Alert Phishing Attempt by Dr. Lesetja Kganyago
- Alert Phishing Attempt by the Rica National Lottery Board
- Alert Phishing Attempt by Mrs. Thérèse Konaté and Mr Michael O'Hara

You may also wish to refer to the Social Media and Fraud Alert issued by the FSC Mauritius on 11 July 2013.

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