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ALERT

Phishing Attempt by the Rica National Lottery Board

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (the “FSC Mauritius”) would like to alert members of the public of a phishing email from the Rica National Lottery Board..

Phishing refers to emails, text messages, letters and phone calls that seem to emanate from legitimate businesses that trick people into disclosing their personal and banking information. These scammers are generally looking for information like your bank account numbers, passwords and/or credit card numbers, which they will use for their own benefit.

In this email, the Rica national lottery board claims that an email address has been awarded a cash prize of \$100,000,00 in 2015/2016 Rica lottery promotion organised by Rica South Africa with Ref No: RC100NP. The beneficiary is invited to contact Rica high commission office with the above Ref No:96110np for claim.

The beneficiary is requested to revert within seven days from the date of draw notification to claim their cash prize.

The FSC Mauritius urges members of the public to exercise appropriate caution in respect of such emails and to avoid providing details of their bank accounts, credit card numbers, etc. in their own interest.

The following could be used as a guideline to “protect yourself” from phishing scams:

- Never send money or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not know and trust.
- Do not open suspicious or unsolicited emails (spam)—ignore them.
- Do not click on any links in a spam email or open any files attached to them.
- Never dial a telephone number that you see in a spam email or SMS.
- If you want to access an internet account website, use a bookmarked link or type the address in yourself—NEVER follow a link in an email.
- Check the website address carefully. Scammers often set up fake websites with very similar addresses.
- Never enter your personal, credit card or online account information on a website if you are not certain it is genuine.
- Never send your personal, credit card or online account details through an email.

You may also wish to refer to the [Social Media and Fraud Alert](#) and [Alert on Phishing](#) issued by the FSC Mauritius on 11 July 2013 and 18 March 2014 respectively.

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