



**To all Media
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SOLICITING BRIBES FOR TENDER

Emalahleni Local Municipality has been made aware of a fraudster purporting to be a Municipal Manager of our municipality. The fraudster sends emails to service providers and prospective bidders asking for money in return for the awarding of tenders.

Members of the public are further reminded that tenders and other municipal programmes are advertised, and processes are followed according to the prescribed legislation. On tender processes we comply with the Supply Chain Management and other relevant legislations. On the legislation no payment for tender favours, therefore soliciting bribes is a crime that can be reported to the law enforcement agencies. Whether the suspected perpetrators are fraudsters outside or from within the institution. As we receive huge call volumes questioning about this, we do not want to speculate any further other than to wait for the outcomes of the investigation from the South African Police Service.

In ensuring that this matter is attended we reported it to the police for investigation as we are of the view that people might be tempted to cooperate with these fraudsters.

The office of the Municipal Manager and the Information Technology are working tirelessly to trace the origins of the said emails.

We humbly ask that any member of the community of any service provider who receives such emails to immediately contact law enforcement agency (SAPS) or report such to the anticorruption toll free line- 0800 701701.

For more information contact Mr Luthando Nqumkana at 072 188 5201/047 878 2000 or via email on NqumkanaL@emalahlenilm.gov.za.

Issued by the office of the Municipal Manager, Communication Section Emalahleni Local Municipality.