

SITAzens and service providers are warned of a scam by unknown individuals, trying to defraud potential suppliers and/or service providers, by making financial demands for the transfer of money, into private back accounts.

## Please be aware of the following:

- 1. Unscrupulous scammers are soliciting potential bidders to deposit money into private bank accounts, to assist in the so-called processing of awards of SITA tenders.
- 2. It is completely irregular and corrupt to expect any money, exchange of money or favor for assistance in the SITA tender process.
- 3. Be alert, as scams have varying degrees of sophistication and often evolve in multiple ways.
- 4. Potential bidders or service providers can receive information through social media platforms, fraudulently informing them of their "appointment to render services to SITA" but it is subject to certain provisions that includes an initial exchange of payment.

- 5. The correspondence is not done through legitimate SITA letterheads or email addresses.
- 6. The formats used are not SITA SCM templates.
- 7. Be on the lookout for scammers, who try to impersonate SITA staff.

The SCM department is working and engaging with the SCM stakeholder community, to ensure that all potential bidders are kept informed about the legitimate processes that are linked to SITA tenders and SITA procurement of goods and services.

Under no circumstances will SITA request its suppliers to pay monies to the Agency for any tender(s) awarded, or to request monies to be paid into private/personal bank accounts.

Should you become aware of any such scams, please contact SITA forensic auditors, or the anonymous hotline on 0800 111 180