

## ESKOM WARNS PUBLIC NOT TO FALL VICTIM TO RESURFACING RECRUITMENT SCAM

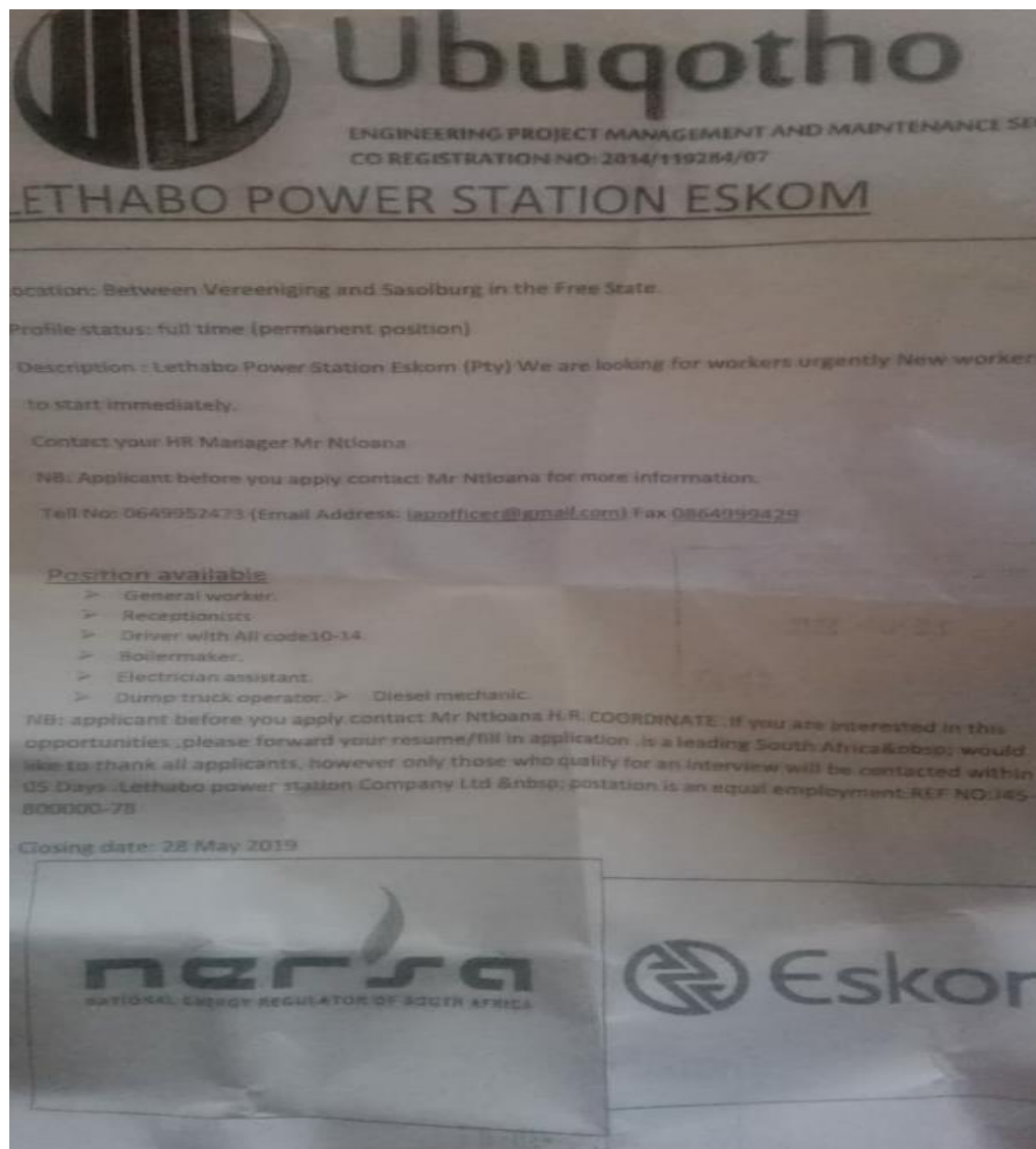
Emanating from numerous reports made to Eskom Forensic, involving an “old” recruitment scam that is yet again resurfacing, Eskom wishes to warn the public about the scam involving a fraudster(s) posing as either Eskom employees or Eskom appointed recruitment agents. The most recent spate of recruitments scams involves Eskom Lethabo and Kusile Power Stations.

There are several ways in which this scam is perpetrated:

1. The fraudsters pretend to be Eskom employees / recruiters and request a “cold drink” of between R3 500 and R5 000 from job seekers in order to secure employment or learnerships. In cases where candidates were unable to afford the requested amount, they were informed that R1 500 will suffice. Once payment has been received, candidates would allegedly immediately be employed. Upon receipt of the money, the fraudsters would simply disappear;
2. Some instances candidates were promised refunds, which never transpired;
3. In other instances candidates would receive an sms containing an interview date and time, which would be valid upon receipt of the requested application fee;
4. In another instance, once the R3 000 was received to secure employment; the candidate was requested to pay a further R900 toward his medical (he was sent the medical forms after receipt of payment). He then received a call from Eskom requesting his overall and shoe size as was requested to pay another R3 800 for his PPE. As his medical was then postponed to another date, he was requested to pay a further R1 200 for the Union to secure an interview for him. At this stage he became suspicious and was then asked to pay a further R1 500 towards accommodation and until he could pay, he could not come for an interview;
5. In all instances reported to Forensic, candidates have not **applied** for work, but instead responded to emails / sms received from fraudsters containing details of “vacancies” at Eskom;
6. These fraudulent vacancies at Eskom are advertised via social media e.g. see example below and not via official Eskom channels



The latest recruitment scam involves a certain Mr. Mohlala (072 3841 411 or 0825556039), Mr Mogapi, Mr. Ndaba, Mr Malepe, 079 8967 730 / 063 6006 394 / 064 9789 605, Mr Madumo, or Mr Ntloana (no first names given) who are allegedly recruiting employees for Lethabo Power Station. In all instances prospective employees are provided with a cell phone number as contact details, no office telephone numbers are provided. The email address provided is also not a Eskom email address. Below please find an example of such a scam:



Here are some red flags to assist in identifying these types of scams:

- Office telephone numbers are never provided and only cell phone numbers are used as a point of contact;
- Payments are requested via e-wallet or other cashless transaction mechanisms e.g. Pep stores money transfers;
- The email addresses used by the fraudsters, are not Eskom email addresses. The format of Eskom email addresses are [xxxx@eskom.co.za](mailto:xxxx@eskom.co.za). The addresses used are normally gmail or yahoo accounts;
- Unsuspecting candidates would receive job offers via sms, emails or social media without having applied to via any official Eskom channels. The “job offers” would thus be sent to prospective candidates directly;

- Member of the public should take note that Eskom's recruitment process **does not** include unsolicited offers for employment and also does not require advance payments e.g. cold drinks or money from candidates;
- Prospective employees are **NOT** requested to carry the costs of medicals and/or safety clothing;
- Employment opportunities within Eskom would be advertised on Eskom's website and Eskom will **only** contact you if you have applied for a vacancy through this career website on [www.eskom.co.za](http://www.eskom.co.za).

As these fraudsters are not Eskom employees, only SAPS has the mandate to investigate these matters. Victims are requested to report such matter to SAPS immediately.

Should you have fallen victim to these types of recruitment scams, please report such activity to your local law enforcement (SAPS) authorities OR at one of the following:

Primedia Crime Line: **SMS 32211** (R1/SMS) or

email your tip-off at [www.crimeline.co.za](http://www.crimeline.co.za)

To report incidents of fraud, corruption and irregularities involving Eskom employees and/or suppliers, members of the public are requested to call Eskom's toll free crime line 0800 11 27 22 or email [investigate@eskom.co.za](mailto:investigate@eskom.co.za) to report such incidents.

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