



# financial intelligence centre

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **WARNINGS ON FIC ACT - REGISTRATION SCAMS**

The Financial Intelligence Centre (the FIC) warns all accountable and reporting institutions of scams being distributed by email and other methods relating to registration in terms of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act No. 38 of 2001, as amended, (the FIC Act).

The FIC confirms that all accountable and reporting institutions are required to register with the FIC in terms of section 43B of the FIC Act, and that this registration period ends on Tuesday, 01 March 2011.

The FIC further confirms that the registration process in terms of the FIC Act is free of charge. The obligation to register is a personal obligation that rests entirely on accountable and reporting institutions and as the registration includes providing the FIC with the details of the compliance officer and the institution's information, the registration must be completed by the institution themselves and not through any third party – whether or not fees are charged by that third party.

Since the registration process, and the information that is disclosed, is confidential in nature, the FIC does not permit third party registrations or registration applications submitted by third parties. The FIC will also not respond to queries from such third parties allegedly on behalf of accountable or reporting institutions, as the third party is not entitled to any information relating to the FIC's registration system.

All necessary documentation for registration with the FIC is available on the FIC's website at [www.fic.gov.za](http://www.fic.gov.za). Any further queries related to registration can be directed to the FIC at 0860 222 200 and at 012 641 6292.