



HOAX SANDF RECRUITMENT SMS AND ADVERT

It has come to the attention of the Department of Defence that a hoax SANDF recruitment SMS is being circulated by persons intending to fleece unsuspecting members of the public. The hoax recruitment SMS reads as follows:

“SA Army your application has been selected. Plz make a contribution of R200 for transport and admin. 31-08-09, 10H:00 morning, Nelspruit (promenade) A/C164787357 NELTIM TRANSPORT, ABSA, Thanx.”

Furthermore, a hoax SANDF recruitment advertisement using an SA Army pictorial letterhead has been published and circulated in the Bohlabela District. The hoax SANDF recruitment advertisement reads as follows:

“ The SA Army is embarking on a mission to recruit and train 16 000 new combat officers every year until 2010.

The plan is to ensure that there are 30 000 combat officers by 2010. The new recruits will be expected to undergo basic training for six months and field training for a further six months. Eligible candidates need a grade 10, 11 and 12 qualifications. After the basic course, recruits will be required to write a test.

We are calling individuals male and female from the white, black and Indian communities who have a passion to become SA Army combat officers to apply.

The course will be advertised twice a year, in July and February. Those enrolled the course will be paid R6500 a month, and once qualified they will be entitled to a R9600 a month. Thereafter the officers will be placed on a progression plan that increases yearly. To apply; fax you CV not more than 5 pages, ID and a letter from school that confirms your grades (report) or a grade 12 certificate. If you do not receive correspondence from our offices within two months of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Please fax you CV and supporting documents to 086 602 7592 before 14 August 2009”

The hoax recruitment SMS and advertisement mentioned have been issued by individuals not authorised by the Department of Defence and thus the SMS and the advertisement are an obvious scam and a complete misrepresentation of the recruitment policy and procedures of the Department of Defence. The Department of Defence therefore distances

itself from the SMS and the advertisement.

Members of the DOD are requested to ensure that members of the public are sensitised to ignore the SMS and the advertisement in circulation.

DOD Members are herewith encouraged to report such acts to the South African Police as well as to the Military Police for investigation and possible prosecution of those involved in the scams. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Enquiries may be directed to enquiries: Brigadier General T. Mohale at (012) 339 5726