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URGENT WARNING TO ALL CONVEYANCERS : FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PROVINCIAL LAND

The attention of the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society has been drawn to a series of fraudulent transactions involving State Provincial land which have been registered in the deeds registry in Pietermaritzburg.

The Acting Head of Department: KZN Public Works, has asked the Society to notify all attorneys and conveyancers that the following persons *only* are authorised to dispose of State Provincial land in any manner in terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Land Administration and Immovable Asset Management Act 2014, and to sign conveyancing documents:

1. The Member of the Executive Council for Public Works : Mr Ravigasen Ramganathan Pillay; or
2. The Acting Head of Department : Mr Thulani Alfred Mdadane.

All conveyancing documentation involving the transfer of State owned land (whether registered in the name of any **provincial government department**, the **Provincial Government of KwaZulu-Natal**, or the **National Government of the Republic of South Africa**), must contain the name of either one or the other of the abovementioned individuals, and must be signed by that person.

Moreover, all attorneys and conveyancers have been advised to confirm the authenticity of all proposed transactions involving land referred to above, by submitting a request for confirmation to the Department of Public Works at the following email address prior to accepting instructions to deal with the transaction:

head.works@kznworks.gov.za

Attorneys and conveyancers are warned to exercise great diligence and extreme vigilance, and to obtain the requisite confirmation for all transactions involving State owned land – **in addition** to those transactions where State Provincial property has already been transferred to the current registered owner during the last two years – which means checking who the transferor was in every current title deed.

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