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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
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### **WARNING TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING FRAUDULENT JOB OFFERS**

**Memel, Free State:** Phumelela Local Municipality wishes to alert all residents, particularly members of the Memel community, about a fraudulent individual who identifies himself as **"Mr Buthelezi"**.

It has been reported that this individual is contacting community members and falsely claiming that he can secure employment opportunities within the Municipality in exchange for a payment of approximately R3,000. Community members are reportedly being instructed to send the money through PEP money transfer services.

**Members of the public are advised that Phumelela Local Municipality does not charge any fee for job applications or employment opportunities.**

**Please note the following:**

1. All municipal job applications are free of charge.
2. No payment is required to secure employment with the Municipality.
3. Municipal vacancies are advertised only through official municipal communication channels.
4. No municipal official or representative is authorised to request money from any person in exchange for employment.

**Residents who are contacted by individuals requesting payment for jobs are urged not to make any payment and to report the matter to the Municipality immediately.**

**Phumelela Local Municipality condemns all fraudulent activities aimed at exploiting job seekers and members of the community.**

For verification of employment opportunities, residents are encouraged to contact the Municipality directly through its official communication channels.

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