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PROVINCIAL TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 38 OF 2026

TO:

**THE DIRECTOR GENERAL: OFFICE OF THE PREMIER
ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENT: MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
ALL OFFICIALS**

SUBJECT: ROLLOUT OF PROVINCIAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS AND TRAINING PLATFORM

1. PURPOSE

The Mpumalanga Provincial Treasury hereby informs the Director-General, all Heads of Department and all officials that the Provincial Treasury is planning to roll out a Cyber Security Awareness and Training Programme across all Mpumalanga Provincial Government (MPG) Departments.

2. BACKGROUND

Cyber threats targeting Government Institutions have increased significantly in both scale and sophistication. As a result, proactive cyber security controls, continuous monitoring, and user awareness have become critical to ensuring the safety of Government Information Systems.

MPT has initiated a controlled cyber security simulation exercise across MPG Departments. The simulation involved the distribution of a phishing email designed to mimic legitimate official communication. The outcome of the simulation is of serious concern, as more than 400 users interacted with and clicked on the phishing link.

In a real cyber-attack scenario, such action could have resulted in a significant cyber security incident, including unauthorized access, malware deployment, data compromise, or service disruption. This result highlights a critical gap in cyber security awareness and reinforces the urgency of the planned cyber security awareness and training interventions.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. As part of intervention the MPT IT unit will be rolling out a Cyber Security Awareness and Training Programme across all Departments.
- 3.2. The Cyber Security Training Platform is intended to capacitate all employees on matters relating to cyber security, including but not limited to cyber hygiene, information protection, threat awareness, and responsible use of Government Information and Technology resources. The overarching objective of the Programme is to build a sound cyber security culture and to strengthen the protection of Government's data, systems, and information assets.
- 3.3. The rollout of the Programme will commence in May 2026 and will be implemented on a phased Departmental basis, with each Department allocating a dedicated period of one (1) month to complete the training.
- 3.4. A detailed rollout schedule(see schedule below), outlining Departmental timelines and participation requirements. A dry-run will be initiated at the beginning of each month to prepare the participating Department.
- 3.5. Heads of Department are strongly encouraged to release all employees within their respective Departments to participate fully in the Cyber Security Awareness and Training Programme for the duration of their allocated rollout period.
- 3.6. Participation in the training Programme is regarded as mandatory. Departments are hereby advised that non-participation by employees will be monitored and reported to the respective Heads for further attention.
- 3.7. The cooperation of all departments is critical to the successful implementation of this initiative and to ensuring a secure, resilient, and cyber-aware Provincial Government.
- 3.8. For technical assistance officials can contact their respective IT personnel or MPT IT unit at 013 766 4412 / 4422

Your support and cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING SCHEDULE

| NO | DEPARTMENT(S) | TRAINING MONTH | Enrolment Dates | Course Timeline |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Provincial Treasury | May 2026 | 4-8 May 2026 | 11-22 May 2026 |
| 2. | Office of the Premier | May 2026 | 4-8 May 2026 | 11-22 May 2026 |

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| 3. | Department of Economic Development and Tourism | May 2026 | 4-8 May 2026 | 11-22 May 2026 |
| 4. | Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport | June 2026 | 1-5 June 2026 | 8-19 June 2026 |
| 5. | Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs | July 2026 | 1-3 July 2026 | 6-17 July 2026 |
| 6. | Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs | August 2026 | 2-7 August 2026 | 11-21 August 2026 |
| 7. | Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation | August 2026 | 2-7 August 2026 | 11-21 August 2026 |
| 8. | Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison | September 2026 | 1-4 September 2026 | 7- 18 September 2026 |

Regards



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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT
DATE: 22-04-2026