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L-Awtorità ghandha nformazzjoni li persuna ta' nazzjonalità mhux Maltija qeghda toffri self ta' ammonti kbar ta' flus. Hemm numru ta' Maltin li qed jghinu lil din il-persuna taghmel kuntatt ma' nies li mbaghad jigu mhajjra jissellfu. Min jithajjar jissellef jista' jintalab jaghmel hlasijiet ta' mijiet jew eluf ta' liri bhala spejjez ta' l-amministrazzjoni jew ghal ragunijiet ohra.

Il-Pulizija qed tipprocedi kontra persuna involuta f'dawn l-arrangamenti ta' self li wasslu biex Maltin isofru telf finanzjarju. F'dawn il-kazijiet, il-flus li gew offruti b'self ma waslu qatt, u l-hlasijiet inizjali li saru ma thallsux lura.

Madankollu, l-Awtorità ghandha informazzjoni li proposti simili ta' self ghadhom qed jigu offruti. Ghaldaqstant, il-pubbliku mitlub joqghod attent minn offerti li joffru flus b'mod facli, u ghandu jiehu parir minn intermedjarju finanzjarju awtorizzat qabel ma' jiffirma xi dokumenti jew ihallas xi flus.

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L-MFSA tixtieq tavza lill-pubbliku li rceviet taghrif li garanzija li mid-dehra inharget minn bank Awstrijak setghet giet iffalsifikata u qed tigi ccirkolata f'banek diversi barra minn Malta, inkluz l-Awstrija, l-Italja, l-Ungerija u l-Polonja, ghal skopijiet ta' frodi kummercjali. L-MFSA ghandha l-ismijiet ta' disa' persuni allegatament involuti f'din il-frodi. Dan ma jeskludix li aktar persuni, li sa issa mhux maghrufa, jistghu wkoll huma involuti. F'kaz li persuna f'Malta tigi avvicinata b'xi tali garanzija, dan ghandu joqghod attent hafna u jitlob parir professjonali. Jista' wkoll jikkuntattja l-MFSA biex jaghmel il-verifiki mehtiega.

30 ta' Lulju 2004

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The Authority is aware that, for the past year, a foreign national has been offering to arrange loans of large sums. A number of Maltese individuals are helping this foreign national to make contact with potential borrowers. The potential borrowers may be asked to make down payments running into hundreds or thousands of liri on account of various administration costs and for other reasons.

The Police is currently prosecuting a person involved in offering these loan arrangements which have occasioned financial loss to Maltese borrowers. In these cases, the promised loan did not materialise, and the down payments were not refunded.

Nevertheless, the MFSA is informed that similar loan deals are still being offered and promoted. The public is therefore asked to be very cautious of schemes that offer easy access to money, and to seek advise from licensed financial intermediaries before signing any documents or making any payments.

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The MFSA would like to alert the public that it has received information that a guarantee purportedly issued by an Austrian bank may have been forged and has been circulated in various banks outside Malta, including Austria, Italy, Hungary and Poland, for fraudulent business activities. The MFSA has the names of nine persons allegedly involved in this matter. This does not exclude that other persons, as yet unknown, may also be involved. In the event that any person in Malta is approached with such a guarantee, he should exercise the utmost caution and seek professional advice. He may also contact the MFSA in order to make the necessary verifications.

30 July 2004