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MEDIA STATEMENT

To: All Media

Attention: News Editors

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SCAM ALERT: GDED IS NOT GIVING AWAY SPAZA SHOP CONTAINERS FOR R30 000

The Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED) wishes to warn members of the public about a scam doing the rounds on the internet and WhatsApp about a spaza shop initiative that claims to involve the department and Pick 'n Pay.

The persons behind this fraudulent initiative the scam solicit an “investment” of R30 000 from each interested member of the public in exchange for fully equipped spaza shop containers and R50 000 worth of stock. They ask potential “investors” to fill in forms and promise the 30 selected “participants” training for eight months. ***We wish to warn members of the public not to subscribe to this fraudulent scheme as it is clearly designed to fleece them of their money.***

The department will soon report the scam to the SAPS and take whatever necessary steps to stop these scamsters on their tracks.

While GDED and Pick n' Pay have a partnership to develop township-based spaza shops, as part of our initiative to develop the township economy and build an inclusive Gauteng economy, participants do not pay for their training. In addition, our initiatives are announced via our official communication platforms. These platforms include the Gauteng Provincial Government website, as well as the GDED's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Once more, members of the public are warned to be wary of initiatives that purport to come from us but are not announced through our official channels.

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