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THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING HIGH ALERT ON A PRETORIA-NORTH BASED BOGUS UNIVERSITY

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) wishes to warn prospecting students and parents that the so-called Unlock Development Centre and Logos University operating from 3 Ystervak Street, Theresa Park in Pretoria North are doing so illegally and fraudulently.

Earlier investigations by the Department revealed that Unlock Development Centre issued Degrees on behalf of and in conjunction with an unregistered Calvary University. Soon thereafter, Unlock Development Centre terminated its agreement with Calvary University only to enter into an agreement with another bogus US based Logos University.

According to the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), Logos University is not listed with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the US Department of Education. Therefore SAQA does not recognise its qualifications.

It is also emerging that Calvary University has issued and continues to issue university Degrees to unsuspecting students. The Department's investigations also revealed that Calvary University is an online global scam operated by a church-based syndicate from Sinoville in Pretoria North. Most of the syndicate members appear to be respectable members in the Church and the local community.

The Department has since filed a case with the law enforcement authorities against both Unlock Development Centre and Calvary University. The case number is 498/07/2015. This case is still under investigation at the Pretoria North police station. Students are therefore warned and advised to contact both the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Department (0800 87 2222). The SAPS investigation officer is Warrant Officer Steve Maake who can be contacted at 012 3535 685 and 083 483 3042.

The Department wishes to reiterate that students should first verify information with the DHET website to ascertain the legality of any programme offered by the institution of their choice before enrolling in order to avoid falling prey to illegal operations.

The website address is www.dhet.gov.za/Resources/Registers. Alternatively they can forward their queries to:

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