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## ECOBANK NAMIBIA SMS SCAM

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The Bank of Namibia warns the Namibian public about an SMS fraud scam which has recently started operating in Namibia.

An entity by the name of “**Ecobank Namibia**” has been sending short text messages to cellular phones for the past week, requesting people to immediately call the number + 006 703 343 013 in order to receive a cheque of \$80,000. The Bank of Namibia wants to alert members of the public that this institution is not authorized to operate in Namibia as a banking institution or to use the expression or name “bank” or “banking institution” in its name. Therefore, kindly note that this short text messages are deemed to be fraudulent.

Members of the public are therefore warned not to respond to the abovementioned text messages, or to any other messages of a similar nature. The public is further advised to immediately report any such scams to the Bank, where institutions, entities or persons present themselves to be acting on behalf of or as banking institutions in Namibia.

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