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Higher Education and Training  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **HIGH ALERT WARNING**

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### **HIGH ALERT WARNING FOR A VANDERBIJLPARK AND CENTURION PRIVATE COLLEGE OFFERING UNACREDITED PROGRAMMES**

In 2013, the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) issued Master Retailing (Pty) Ltd with a letter of warning for the illegal provision of higher education programmes and ordered them to terminate their unlawful activities with immediate effect and reimburse all affected students.

After failing to abide by the order, Master Retailing (Pty) Ltd - which operated from 308 Tipterary Street, Bronberrick in Centurion south of Pretoria – was issued with a further warning, sent to the institution's management in May 2014.

Three months later, on 4 August 2014 the Department decided to refer the matter to the law enforcement authorities for further investigations (case number CAS122/9/2014). Only then did Master Retailing (Pty) Ltd agree to terminate its illegal operations and the South African Police Services (SAPS) decided to close the case.

However, it has now emerged that Master Retailing (Pty) Ltd is yet again fraudulently purporting to offer the Bachelor of Commerce in Retail Management and the MBA in Retail Management without accreditation with the Council on Higher Education (CHE), registration with the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) and registration with the Department, as required by law.

The Department is requesting all students who have been swindled by Master Retailing (Pty) Ltd to immediately contact the Department or Constable NTD

Makhema at the Wierdabrug police station and the Department. The telephone number is 012 353 4000/ 012 6544 035/35.

Master Retailing (Pty) Ltd now also operates from Vanderbijlpark Office: M7 & 118, Alfa Building, Civic Center, President Kruger Street, Vanderbijlpark. The contact details are as follows:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Mr Eugene Beukes

Telephone: 012 654 4688 or 012 751 8417

Fax: 086 767 2797

E-mail: [info@mretailing.co.za](mailto:info@mretailing.co.za)

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](http://www.dhet.gov.za/Resources/Registers). Alternatively they can forward their queries to:

[registrarphei@dhet.gov.za](mailto:registrarphei@dhet.gov.za)

[registrarfet@dhet.gov.za](mailto:registrarfet@dhet.gov.za) and

[callcentre@dhet.gov.za](mailto:callcentre@dhet.gov.za).

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