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### BEWARE OF INTERNET FRAUD SCHEMES AND TEXT SCAMS

Los Angeles, 12 February 2009 - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles cautions the public to beware of internet fraud schemes and text scams, especially those purported to be involving cash inheritances from persons unrelated to email recipients.

One such modus operandi specifically involves the supposed multi-million dollar inheritance from a certain **Engr. Jurgen Krugger** being offered to email recipients and allegedly being managed by one of the following:

- **Barrister David Smith, Esq.** of David Smith and Associates with email address at [davidsmith.esqunit@live.com](mailto:davidsmith.esqunit@live.com);
- **Barrister Jerry Morgan, Esq.**, of Jerry Morgan and Associates, with email address at [jerry-morganesq@hotmail.com](mailto:jerry-morganesq@hotmail.com), Tel. No. +44 704 570 8111, and mailing address at 33 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4JH, England; or
- Mr. James Peters of the Royal Courts of Justice Probate Registry Department in London, with email address at [royalcourtsofjustice\\_probatedept@live.co.uk](mailto:royalcourtsofjustice_probatedept@live.co.uk). and Tel. No. +44 703 192 8723.

The said contact numbers are either numbers of dubious legitimacy or not recognized numbers. The email addresses concerned also tend to vary in some email messages.

Various internet websites dedicated to alerting the public to internet fraud, such as the Anti-Fraud International, have issued a warning to internet users not to answer email messages from David Smith and Associates.

Similar incidents should be immediately reported to the Department of Information of the Anti-Money Laundering Council and National Bureau of Investigation-Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division which could be contacted at the address below:

NBI Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division  
NBI Building, Taft Avenue, Ermita,  
Manila, Philippines 1000  
Tel. No. 525-4093 / 524-6395, locals: 3529, 3456 and 3491###end