



RE/MAX WARNS OF FRAUDULENT MONEY SCAM *Real Estate Network is Victim of False Sweepstakes Announcement*

(Denver, CO, May 28, 2009) – RE/MAX International Inc. is alerting Affiliates and consumers across the country of a money scam that uses the name of the Denver-based real estate network as the source of a fraudulent sweepstakes and lottery drawing.

The scam notifies supposed sweepstakes winners, via mail or email, that they have won a sweepstakes drawing. The letter appears to be from RE/MAX International Inc. with an attached check in the amount of \$4,500 that would help the recipient pay a “Non-Resident Government Service Tax (GST),” that the winner supposedly owes. The tax amount is said to be \$2,980 with payment to be made through a Western Union account. Letter recipients are instructed to call a claims agent to arrange payment for the tax before the winnings can be “legally released.”

RE/MAX first learned of the scam last week and has since contacted the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Minnesota Attorney General’s office – one check is drawn on a bank account in Minnesota - to alert them of the fraudulent activity. The company has been notified by a handful of people that have received the letter so far, but it appears the scam is still active.

RE/MAX International is taking action to warn its Affiliates, their clients and the general population about the scam, and is advising anyone who receives such a letter to contact their local Better Business Bureau (BBB) and their state’s attorney general.

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RE/MAX was founded in 1973 by Dave and Gail Liniger. From a single office in Denver, Colorado, it has grown into a global network of nearly 100,000 Sales Associates in more than 70 countries, an international presence greater than any of its competitors.

RE/MAX has been honored as the leading real estate franchise for 9 of the last 10 years in the oldest and most respected ranking, “The Franchise 500 Survey,” by *Entrepreneur Magazine*.

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