

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd

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An email has been sent misusing the name of Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd.

What is the scam?

An email has been sent misusing the name of Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd .

The email seen by the SRA claims to be sent from 'a Partner at Linklaters Singapore Pte Ltd'. It claims that 'our remittance bank has changed' and asks the recipient to confirm the exact date payment will be made so that new payment details can be sent out. The email used a fake domain similar (but not identical) to Linklaters' genuine domain name (in this case, '@linkllaters.com' – please note the extra 'L').

Any business or transactions purporting to be made through any email address with the domain '@linkllaters.com' are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice authorised and regulated by the SRA, or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Linklaters LLP, whose head office is at One Silk Street, London EC2Y 8HQ.

Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd is the Singapore office of Linklaters LLP. Linklaters Singapore Pte. Ltd itself is not regulated by the SRA but there are SRA-regulated individuals working there.

Genuine emails from the genuine Linklaters use the domain '@linklaters.com' only.

The genuine firm of Linklaters LLP has confirmed that neither the firm nor any of its solicitors have any connection to the emails referred to in the alert above.

What should I do?

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to

that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.