



Emsi Software warns of a new "Russian Connection": Million dollar hoax from the Kremlin!

Who doesn't want to be a millionaire? The so-called "Nigeria Connection" takes advantage of such dreams and has been making good money for years with pumped-up emails. The security software development specialists Emsi Software are now warning of a new "Russian Connection". The millions are now being promised from the Kremlin.

Salzburg, November 2009 - What is the "Nigeria Connection"? Since 1988, large numbers of emails have been sent over the whole world, mostly from Nigeria. The tone of these mails is always the same: Someone has "found" a few million dollars lying in an orphaned bank account and is looking for a partner willing to make their bank account available for transferring the money out of the country. The account holder is offered a commission of up to 10 percent for their help.

With several million dollars, this commission is naturally worth the effort. This temptation has resulted in many users falling for this trick offer. Anyone taking up this offer without considering the illegal money-laundering nature of the whole process will not become rich but rather cleaned out. The victims must always first front up with a few thousand dollars - for expenses, bribes, documents. In the end it is always the same - no money, just expenses.

Christian Mairoll, the General Manager of Emsi Software GmbH, says: "When an email offer sounds too good to be true, then it is definitely not true."

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Same approach, different source. Emsi Software warns of the first mails from the newly established "Russian Connection". The mails currently in circulation claim to come from Russia - directly from Moscow and Kremlin circles, where millions are in fact invested in oil, heavy industry and other raw materials.

Christian Mairoll says: "The Russians are not taking half measures. In the mails we have seen, up to 52 million Euros are to be smuggled out of the country. Anyone willing to allow their bank account to be used for this is promised a commission of 8 percent. Since a warning is always necessary, we therefore provide the following warning: This is a hoax and completely fraudulent. Anyone answering this type of mail is immediately asked for payment for non-existent expenses. Any and all such mails from the "Russian Connection" must be immediately deleted."

Example of a "Russian Connection" email

"Good Day,





I am Andrei Raz***hov, I have a business brief which might interest you on the instruction of a business tycoon in Moscow whose business interest spans crude oil refining, mining, construction, real estate and tourism.

Over the past years the policies of the Kremlin has not been favorable towards his business and more importantly towards his person who seem to have a different political view from that of the Kremlin. Without boring you with politics of Russia, I will go straight to the point to ask for your cooperation to discreetly re-profile funds worth 52.2 Million euro own by this business tycoon from its present location via a bank in Eastern Europe to a new investment location.

You will be paid 8% for your 'management consultancy fees', if we are able to reach terms. If you are interested, please write back to my senior colleague Mr. Andrev Sl**vik at **** and provide your telephone number and private email address and he will provide further details.

Write back, we wait for your response.

Regards,
Andrei Raz***hov

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ABOUT EMSI SOFTWARE

Emsi Software is a private company based in Austria. The rapidly growing company is a leading European supplier of behavioral analysis technology for analysis of software, especially Malware.

The company was founded in 2003 by Christian Mairoll, realizing his vision of a virtual company: The 15 company employees are distributed all over the world but work together as if they are sitting together in a real office. Emsi Software was commended with the Austrian "Constantinus" IT prize in 2005 for this innovative business management concept.

The Emsi Software product range comprises the security programs a-squared Anti-Malware, a-squared Free, a-squared HiJackFree, a-squared Anti-Dialer, Mamutu and, since the start of 2009, the Online Armor Personal Firewall.

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