

## Alpha Lottery/Universal Lottery International Scam

I decided to keep this particular article on the main page for a while longer, mainly due to the amount of emails I've been getting over the last few months from folks around the world regarding this scam. I'm going to include several different examples of what others are receiving, but they all follow a basic "template." I've also received a reply from somebody calling himself "Mr. Greg Benjamin." It's very entertaining, and he's asking for exactly what I thought they would: your money! They disguise it in the form of a "processing fee", as well as "Form B6" which is disguised as an "agency commission" for 1% of the total money which you have "won." Be sure to read the reply from this guy - it's pretty funny.

Since I first posted information regarding this so-called 'lottery', I have probably received over 100 emails from folks throughout the world that have been contacted by this place. Most of the targets appear to live in the UK or other parts of Europe. Sometimes the "lucky numbers" are different, sometimes they are the same. They usually tell the person to be quiet about the notification (which should be a BIG red flag.) Sometimes they like to throw in a well-known person's name (i.e., a movie star, successful business person, etc.) and state that they are a sponsor or supporter of this lottery. Be smart when it comes to responding to any requests for YOUR money. Once this particular scam runs its course, there will always be numerous others ready to take its place. They can get very creative, so beware. . . be smart. . .use your head!

The goal of these types of scams is to separate you from your money—that's pretty much it. They prey upon a person's greed and figure if they send out thousands of emails to unsuspecting individuals, then even if they only get a 10% response, they're still going to make some money (it's called the 'law of large numbers.')

They will try their best to write a "believable" story that will draw you in. Then, when you contact them, they will let you know a short time later that you've "qualified" to win a certain amount of Euro. But, here's the catch: They will want 'good faith' money from you to secure the funds. Or they will ask you for your bank account number so they can "deposit the funds." If you provide them either, I guarantee that you will make them the winner and you will be left with a lot less money.

As of February 12, 2003, I received a response from "Mr. Duck Havard" himself! (Forwarded to me by a concerned recipient of the original lottery notification.) I'm pretty sure that this scam idea is being traded/sold throughout the world, and then they are advised to change the names/number, etc. I personally receive these scams directly at work as well, and I've seen a multitude of variations. Although it's entertaining to me to see how creative some of these folks can get, I find it distressing that there are still people out there falling for this type of thing.

***Common Sense Snippet:** It would be highly unusual for a complete stranger from another country to have such a large amount of money that they were just itching to give it away to some stranger on the internet.*

- UNIVERSAL LOTTERY INTERNATIONAL  
AN AFFILIATE OF FOUND MONEY INTERNATIONAL  
FROM: INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION/PRIZE AWARD DEPT.  
REF: ULI/231-FMI008/03

BATCH: IPD/14/012/AMNL

RE: WINNING NOTIFICATION/FINAL NOTICE

Sir/Madam

We are pleased to inform you of the result of the of the Lottery Winners International programs held on the 2nd of January, 2003. Your e-mail address attached to ticket number 20511465896-6210 with serial number 3772-910 drew lucky numbers 7-14-17-23-31-45 which consequently won in the 2nd category, you have therefore been approved for a lump sum pay out of US\$ 500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand United States Dollars.)

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Due to mix up of some numbers and names, we ask that you keep your winning information very confidential till your claims has been processed and your prize/money Remitted to you. This is part of our security protocol to avoid double claiming and unwarranted abuse of this program by some participants. All participants were selected through a computer >ballot system drawn from over 20,000 company and 30,000,000 individual email addresses and names from all over the world. This promotional program takes place annually. we hope with part of your winning you will take part in our next year USD100 million international lottery.

To file for your claim, please contact our fiducial agent

MR TOM EDWARDS of the CONTINENTAL TRUST CONSULTANCY TEL:+31-625 264 675 FAX:+31-641 744 645 Email: tomeddy@consultant.com. Note that all winning must be claimed not later than 31th of January 2003. After this date all unclaimed >funds will be included in the next stake. Please note in order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications please remember to quote your reference number and batch numbers in all correspondence. Furthermore, should there be any change of address do inform our agent as soon as possible. Congratulations once more from our members of staff and thank you for being part of our promotional program. Note: Anybody under the age of 18 is automatically disqualified.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Carthy Van Bosch  
Lottery Coordinator.

- **Reply from "Mr. Greg Benjamin." I've copied this verbatim so you will notice numerous spelling and grammatical errors.**

Dear Sir/Madam

Your mail indicating you as a winner in the lottery programs held by Alpha Lottery International was received. We are agent to Alpha Lottery International, to enable us commence the processing of your Winning Prize as your claim agent, you are advised to

provide us with the following information -

- (1) Your Full Name
- (2) Your Complete Address
- (3) Telephone/Fax numbers

Upon receipt of the above information, we will send to you via fax the PRIZE CLAIM FORM which you will fill in your particulars and send back to this office.

Upon receipt of "Prize Claim Form" from you, we shall officially apply for the claim of your winning prize and upon verification by the Alpha Lottery International Coordinator; they will send us a "Release Order" confirming you as the bona-fide winner. Form B6 (Payment Scheme) will also be send to your, requesting you to indicate your preferred mode of payment as soon as we have the release order. The Payment Scheme must be accompanied with our processing fee of Three hundred and ninety-five euros (395.00euros) only. . .

The processing of your claim will be completed within four (4) working days and subsequently you will receive the total sum of \$1,000,000.00 Euros, (one million Euros.)

Finally, if you are satisfied with our terms and conditions, please do indicate by sending us the necessary information as required above to enable us commence the processing of your claim. Good Luck.

Regards,

MR.Greg Benjamin

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- ALPHA LOTTERY INTERNATIONAL

FROM: INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION/PRIZE AWARD DEPT.

REF: OGS/2311786008/01  
BATCH: 14/011/IPD /NL

RE: WINNING NOTIFICATION / FINAL NOTICE

Sir/Madam

We are pleased to inform you of the result of the of the Lottery Winners International programs held on the 1st of January 2003. Your email address attached to ticket number 20511465886-629 with serial number 3772-99 drew lucky numbers 7-14-17-23-31-22 which consequently won in the 2nd category, you have therefore been approved for a lump sum pay out of 1,000,000.00 Euro. (One Million Euro) CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Due to mix up of some numbers and names, we ask that you keep your winning information confidential until your claims has been processed and your money Remitted to you. This is part of our security protocol to avoid double claiming and unwarranted abuse of this program by some participants.

All participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from over 100,000 company and 50,000,000 individual email addresses and names from all over the world. This promotional program takes place every three year. We hope with part of your winning you will take part in our end of year 50 million Euro International lottery. To file for your claim, please contact our fiducially agent MR DUCK HAVARD of the, NORTH

ATLANTIC CONSULTANCY TEL:+31-627 431 470 FAX:+31-641 744 645 Email: duckhavard@netscape.net Remember, all winning must be claimed not later than 31st of January 2003. After this date all unclaimed funds will be included in the next stake. Please note in order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications please remember to quote your reference number and batch numbers in all correspondence. Furthermore, should there be any change of address do inform our agent as soon as possible.

Congratulations once more from our members of staff and thank you for being part of our promotional program.

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Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Elizabeth Van Bosch  
Lottery Coordinator.

- ALPHA LOTTERY INTERNATIONAL

FROM: INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION/PRIZE AWARD DEPT.

REF: OGS/2311786008/01  
BATCH: 12/011/IPD/NL  
RE: WINNING NOTIFICATION / FINAL NOTICE

Sir/Madam:

We are pleased to inform you of the result of the Lottery Winners International programs held on the 8th of September 2002. Your e-mail address attached to ticket number 20511465886-629 with serial number 3772-99 drew lucky numbers 7-14-17-23-31-44, which consequently won in the 2nd category, you have therefore been approved for a lump sum payout of 1,000,000.00 Euro (One Million Euro.) CONGRATULATIONS!!

Due to mix up of some numbers and names, we ask that you keep your winning information confidential until your claims has been processed and your money remitted to you. This is part of our security protocol to avoid double claiming and unwarranted abuse of this program by some participants.

All participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from over 100,000 company and 50,000,000 individual email addresses and names from all over the world. This promotional program takes place every three year. We hope with part of your winning you will take part in our end of year 50 million Euro International Lottery.

To file for your claim, please contact our fiducial agent MR. DUCK HAVARD of the NORTH ATLANTIC CONSULTANCY  
TEL: +31-627 431 470  
FAX: +31-641 744 645  
Email: duckhavard@yahoo.co.uk

Remember, all winning must be claimed not later than 31st of December 2002. After this date all unclaimed funds will be included in the next year stake. Please note in order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications please remember to quote your reference number and batch numbers in all correspondence. Furthermore, should there be any change of address do inform our agent as soon as possible.

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