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Subject: [vlmumbai] Awareness on Phishing, spam and whaling

Dear All,

In an effort to further enhance our company's cyber defense, we want to highlight a common cyber-attack that everyone should be aware of – whaling. Whaling is a type of scam aimed at getting an employee to transfer money or send sensitive information to a hacker acting as a trusted source via email. Whaling is extremely easy to fall for and can result in significant financial losses. These e-mails can be difficult to catch because they appear to be harmless, and have a normal, friendly tone and no links or attachments. They will appear to come from a high-level official at the company, typically the Dept. Head or CEO/CFO, and often ask you to disclose sensitive information or send some data/report.

A few things to watch out for in a typical whaling attempt:

- Whalers may utilize fake e-mail domains that look similar to our domain. Watch out for things like: [EMAIL]@[vakrangees.com or any similar looking domain]
- **A hurried tone:** Whalers will often ask you to send money immediately or share confidential information, stating that they're busy or in a meeting, and can't do it themselves.
- **E-mail only:** Since whaling relies on impersonating an employee via a fake, yet similar email address, they will ask you not to call with questions and only reply through e-mail.

If you receive an e-mail that you suspect to be a whaling attempt, or if you are unsure of an e-mail's legitimacy, please do not respond. Thanks again for helping to keep our network, and our people, safe from these threats.

For security reasons it is important that you **Do Not Click** or activate the links within the message.

If you by chance or by mistake clicked on the embedded link (URL) within that email, then it is very much important that you inform to IT Department immediately.

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