

Date: 12 February 2026

CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a New Guyed Mast Telecommunication Tower Site (Onatuwe No. 2 (Site 9.1)) in the Onatuwe No. 2 Village, Oshikoto Region - Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)

Date: Thursday, 12 February 2026

Time: 12:40 pm to 1:40 pm

Venue: Onatuwe No. 2 Tower Site, Onatuwe No. 2 Village

Project Proponent: Mobile Telecommunications Limited (*MTC Namibia*)

Meeting Attendance

The public consultation meeting had an attendance of thirty-eight (38) people, including two Environmental impact practitioners from Serja Consultants. The signed attendance register is attached hereto.



Figure 1: Proceedings of the Onatuwe No. 2 EIA consultation meeting on the 12th of February 2026

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

The meeting opening and welcoming were done by Mr. Puleni Fabian (the Onatuwe No. 2 Village Headman). Mr. Stefanus Johannes (Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant) from Serja HGE Consultants thanked the meeting attendees for making time. Mr. Johannes then presented the meeting agenda, which is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 on Public Consultation, Sections 21 to 24. The attendance register was circulated for attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the EIA Scoping Report.

To ensure that the elderly understood the meeting points for inputs, and since the field Environmental consulting team is Oshiwambo-speaking, the proceedings were done in Oshiwambo.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) / Mr. Johannes presented the agenda of the meeting, which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an EIA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

Mr. Johannes explained that the EIA process is done in compliance with the EMA, as the establishment of telecommunication towers are one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without applying and obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, which is subject to an EIA process and EIA Scoping Report as well as an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EIA process requires that the consultation meeting be held with the affected and or interested parties where the project activities would be undertaken. Therefore, the ECC needs to be obtained first from the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) before the tower erection.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy, and Mr. Johannes emphasized the importance of understanding the conducted EIA Study.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Mr. Johannes also presented the potential pre-identified positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed project activities. This will establish the basis for mitigation measures to be developed for the proposed project.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns about the proposed project activities to be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as the basis for the compilation of the EIA Scoping Report and Draft EMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the EIA Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Issues, suggestions, and comments received during the Consultation Meeting in Onatuwe No. 2 on the 12th of February 2026

No.	Name of the Speaker/Commenter & Capacity	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1	Mr. Fabian Puleni (Headman)	What happens if the identified site is on someone's land, as in this case?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): It was noted that consent had previously been obtained from the headman when MTC acquired the necessary letter. In cases where the site is on private land, the landowner, together with the headman, will discuss the matter directly with MTC to determine the way forward before construction starts.
2	Mr. Fabian Puleni (Headman)	The site had already been cleared with the permission of the local traditional authority. This was done in good faith to expedite the process due to the urgent community need for the network	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): The urgency was acknowledged; however, it was advised that the community should have waited for the appointment of the contractor. The clearing work could have been compensated as part of the contractor's scope, and a permit from the relevant ministry is

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		tower, as it was believed this would assist MTC.	required for legally cutting down protected trees. Such permits would have been obtained by the appointed contractor. However, this will need to be included in the construction tender by MTC.
3	Mr. Andreas Nawoka	How will the contractor recruit workers? Will there be a specific number of employees required over the construction period, or as many people as possible?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Once the contractor is appointed, they will conduct a further engagement session to explain the recruitment process. It was anticipated that recruitment may be facilitated through the headman and village development committee leaders.
4	Mr. Mwaafa Nghishongwa	Many existing towers lack network dishes even though MTC technicians have the equipment. Technicians should ensure dishes are installed and that the tower is of sufficient height.	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): As detailed in the background information document, the proposed tower will be 80 meters high to overcome vegetation height. It will also be equipped with three dishes and antennae for the network signal. It was confirmed that the installation will proceed according to the planned specifications.
5	Mr. Simeon Shivanapo	Will the electricity end at this tower, or can it reach an accessible location suitable for all villagers?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Details on the type of transformer to be used were not available. However, it may be possible for personal transformers, but interested parties would need to approach NORED and MTC directly to discuss and arrange any such connections.
6	Ms. Newaka Ndamonghenda	Is the tower hazardous to the locals, and will it be protected during and after construction?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): All construction sites inherently present hazards. Thus, workers are required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE). The site will be barricaded during construction and permanently fenced thereafter.

3. FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

3.1 What is the way forward after this meeting?

Mr. Johannes thanked the community for attending the meeting. He informed them that their comments and recommendations will be included in the EIA Scoping Report and EMP that will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. The EIA documents (including meeting minutes) will be shared with registered I&APs for review and further comments. In other words, once the review of the draft documents by I&APs is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the DEAF/MEFT for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.



STAKEHOLDERS / I&APS CONSULTATION (ENGAGEMENT) MEETING REGISTER

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GUYED MAST TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER (ONATUWE NO. 2 (SITE 9.1)) IN THE ONATUWE NO. 2 VILLAGE, OSHIKOTO REGION - APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)

PROJECT PROPONENT: MTC (Network Tower)
 DATE & TIME: 12 February 2024 (12:40)
 VENUE: Onatuwe No. 2 tower site

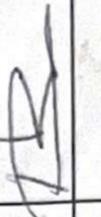
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