

24 March 2026

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES:

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Construction and Operation of an 80 m Guyed Mast Telecommunication Tower in Vaalgras Village, //Kharas Region

Date: Monday, 16 February 2026

Time: 14:00 – 16:30

Venue: Vaalgras Primary School Hall

Minutes by: Simeon Namweya

The public consultation meeting was attended by an Environmental Consultant from Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd (EDS), representatives of the Vaalgras Traditional Authority, community members of Vaalgras Village, and other Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) - **Please refer to the attached attendance register.**

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Simeon Namweya from EDS with an introduction of the project, and the reason why the I&APs are being consulted. Mr. Namweya expressed gratitude to everyone in attendance for making time to attend the meeting. The meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to write down their names, and contact details so that they could receive further information on the ESIA process.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The agenda of the meeting included the following main points:

2.1 Brief Description of the Project

Mr. Namweya provided a brief description of ESIA process, and the reason the Proponent (MTC Namibia) appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd, to carry out the Environmental Assessment (EA) and apply for the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) at the Department of Environment Affairs and Forestry (DEAF), on their behalf. Mr. Namweya explained to the attendees, the objectives of the meeting, further notified the attendees that there would be a site visit after the meeting.

2.2 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Mr. Namweya presented the pre-identified potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts of the project as outlined in the Background Information Document (BID).

2.3 Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

Mr. Namweya provided the opportunity to raise their concerns/issues and or comment on the proposed project activities. The issues and comments discussed are presented in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Comments and issues raised during the public consultation meeting, 16th March 2026

Comment/ issue No.	Commenter name & issue/comment/question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Commenter 1: Will the proposed tower creates a visual impact around the vicinity of the project area?	Mr. Simeon Namweya (Consultant): The tower will have some visual impact. However, due to the open landscape and low-density development in the area, the overall visual impact is expected to be low.
2.	Commenter 2: How will the Proponent ensure that the tower and its operational equipment are protected from theft during the construction phase?	Consultant: The site will be secured by fencing the premises, and having controlled access on site. Additionally, security measures may be implemented where necessary to prevent theft and vandalism.
3.	Commenter 3: Is there a chance that the signal could be upgraded to 5G instead of 3G/4G, as network coverage in the area is poor?	Consultant: The proposed tower is designed to provide 3G/4G coverage. While future upgrades to 5G are technically possible, this would depend on network planning by the service provider and government authorizations.
4.	Commenter 4: Where will the Proponent source electricity? Since the current line at the school experiences occasional power outages, will this not interrupt the network signals?	Consultant: The tower's operational electricity will be sourced from NamPower. Backup systems or alternative connections may be considered to minimize interruptions and ensure continuous network service.

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5.	Commenter 5: The proposed site is not in a mountainous area, and water runoff can be relatively high during rains. Will this affect the tower's ground stability, considering its 80 m height?	Consultant: The tower will be mounted on a reinforced concrete foundation designed to ensure stability. Proper site preparation, drainage management, and construction techniques will minimize any risks associated with water runoff.
6.	Commenter 6: Will there be compensation or royalties paid, as is normally done with private farm owners? What other benefits will the community receive from the Proponent aside from improved network coverage?	Consultant: The proposed project does not involve private farm land, so standard compensation or royalties are not applicable. The primary benefit to the community will be improved network coverage, which may support communication, business, and educational activities. Any additional benefits would be at the discretion of the Proponent.
7.	Commenter 7: The Background Information Document (BID) indicated that the tower is near Vaalgras Village. Please note and correct that the tower will be within Vaalgras Village , a short distance from the school.	Consultant: Acknowledged and noted.

FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Mr. Namweya thanked the attendees for their contributions, noting that all comments, concerns, and inputs had been recorded for consideration in the ESIA Report and for incorporation into the Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Mr. Namweya further informed the attendees that they could proceed to the site for assessment of flora/ fauna and any points of interest at or near the site.



The meeting was adjourned at 16h30, and the site visited, thereafter.

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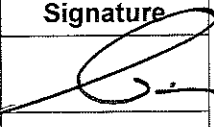

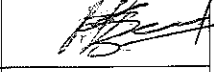


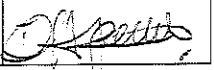
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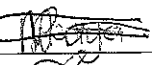

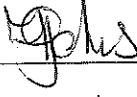
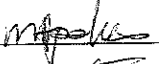


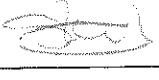
Public / Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting Attendance Register

PROJECT: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Proposed Construction and Operation of an 80m Guyed Mast Telecommunication Tower located approximately 41.36 km southwest of Tses, within the Berseba Constituency of the Tses Reserve in the //Kharas Region.

Venue: VAALGRAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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 Time: 14:00

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