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MTC HOSTS HUMAN RESOURCE EXECUTIVES BREAKFAST MEETING TO TALK SHOP WITH EXPERT AROUND GLOBAL RECESSION.

WINDHOEK, 19 MARCH 2010 – MTC hosted a breakfast meeting for Human Resource (HR) professionals in Windhoek that aims to create a much needed opportunity for HR professionals to create powerful networks not just in Namibia but with various HR bodies all over the world to keep abreast with trends and developments within the profession and ensure Namibia is not left behind when it comes to Human Resource Development.

The breakfast meeting addressed HR issues, with particular focus on the profession in the wake of the global recession. “While debates are still on as to whether this wave has actually passed or whether it is in its fading phase, it has been established that HR must play a critical role in dealing with the many challenges brought about by the recession” said Chief of HR at MTC, Tim Ekandjo.

Speaker at the breakfast meeting, Mr. Akin Oparison, HR Vice President for Shell Africa Operations, held an interactive session with HR Executives in attendance giving an in depth analysis and clearly identifying the role of HR now and in the future. Oparison has been described as a seasoned HR professional with a wealth of experience and graced the 1st breakfast meeting as guest speaker.

Ekandjo said “The HR Executives Breakfast Meeting concept was initiated due to the fact that despite the sizeable HR Community in Namibia, who are very good at what they do as individuals; have no common interests in issues and challenges that affect the collective group”. One of the important resolutions he hoped would be taken at the end of this meeting is the establishment of a professional HR Body that will create the needed platform to discuss local and national HR challenges, he added.

Speaking at the same event, the Honourable Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Minister Immanuel Ngatjizeko applauded HR Professionals for the initiative and stressed that the nation will only achieve the goals in Vision 2030 if there is consultation, and if professionals steer in the same direction. The Honourable Minister urged all Namibians to come out in their numbers to celebrate the 20th Independence Celebrations.

The event was attended by HR Executives across all industries in Namibia and will be hosted annually by MTC

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MTC currently covers 98 per cent of the population of nearly 2 million citizens with more than 650 base stations and repeaters and offers a dual band 900/1800MHZ. The company also expanded its cellular coverage to all major towns in Namibia, including the major arterial roads. It further runs two modern MSC's (mobile switching centre) in Windhoek and Oshakati with capacity to accommodate rapidly rising number of customers of over 1.3 million active users. MTC also operates the only full service customer contact centre in Namibia dealing with service queries ranging from telephony, sms, fax, GPRS, data, voicemail and 3G/HSDPA. A staff of 367 persons serves a diverse market of both pre- and postpaid subscribers.

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