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MTC HAS YOU COVERED THIS FESTIVE SEASON

[WINDHOEK, 16 DECEMBER 2009] - Namibians and Tourists to Namibia alike can rest assured they will have cell phone coverage in even the remotest areas of the country this festive season.

MTC is continually extending its cellular network coverage, and has over the last twelve (12) months gone further in extending its network by installing repeaters at 120 lodges that were eligible to have the equipment installed countrywide.

MTC carried out a survey at a cost of N\$ 560 000, to determine lodges that are suitable to receive a repeater, and carried out the installation of those repeaters at more than one hundred locations at an investment of N\$3.5 million (Three and a half million dollars)

Repeaters are used at locations that have very limited or no cellular reception, to boost the signal so that one is able to make a normal call in that area. This technology allows one to direct an external antenna to a GSM site, this signal will then be received by the repeater and boosted, and sent to another antenna which will result in better coverage in that area.

Repeaters enable a lot stronger signal in a small area that would normally not have sufficient coverage. The typical area of such coverage which MTC deploys for the lodges is up to a 100m radius.

“We see this as our modest contribution to the development and growth of the tourism sector. We are also hopeful that many tourists and locals who have previously shunned these particular lodges due to lack of network, will now gladly spend some of their precious time at some of these facilities,” said Miguel Gerales, Managing Director of MTC.

While acknowledging efforts made to lure tourists to Namibia before, during and after the 2010 AFCON and World Cup soccer competitions, Geraldus added that MTC's investment in the installation of repeaters at the 120 lodges should assist in convincing visitors to make Namibia a destination of choice with world class infrastructure that includes telecommunications, road network, medical facilities and other essential necessities.

List of Lodges that received repeaters:

BETHANIE	Karas
DABIS	Karas
GOIBIB	Karas
KLEIN AUS VISTA	Karas
KLEINBEGIN	Karas
LOVEDALE	Karas
MESOSAURUS	Karas
SAVANNA	Karas
SEEHEIM	Karas
AUOB	Hardap
LAKE OANOB	Hardap
LAPA LANGE	Hardap
MERWEHOF	Hardap
NAMIB DESERT LODGE	Hardap
TRANENDAL	Hardap
ERHOLUNGSFARM RUST MYN	
ZYL	Omaheke
FREIHEIT	Omaheke
HARNAS	Omaheke
HETAKU SAFARI LODGE	Omaheke
HUNTERS NAMIBIA SAFARIS	Omaheke
KALAHARI BUSH	Omaheke
KUZIKUS	Omaheke
LAKE LODGE	Omaheke
NOANSABIS	Omaheke
OHLSENHAGEN	Omaheke
OKAHENNASIVA	Omaheke
OKAMBARA ELEPHANT LODGE	Omaheke
SANDUNE LODGE	Omaheke
ZELDA	Omaheke
ABABIS	Khomas
ACHENIB SÜD	Khomas
ARNHEM	Khomas

AUAS GAME LODGE	Khomas
AUTABIB SAFARIS	Khomas
BELLERODE	Khomas
BERGZICHT	Khomas
DÜSTERNBROOK	Khomas
ELISENHEIM	Khomas
GUESTFARM HEIMAT	Khomas
HAKOS	Khomas
HOCHLAND	Khomas
HOCHLAND NEST	Khomas
HOHEWARTE	Khomas
KARIVO	Khomas
OKAHUA	Khomas
OKATORE	Khomas
ONDEKAREMBA	Khomas
ROOIKLIP	Khomas
SCHEIDTHOF	Khomas
SOLITAIRE COUNTRY LODGE - RES	Khomas
SOLITAIRE COUNTRY LODGE -SS	Khomas
SPREETSHOOGTE	Khomas
SWARTFONTEIN	Khomas
TIVOLI LODGE	Khomas
WEISSENFELS	Khomas
BEACH LODGE	Erongo
ERONGO WILDERNESS	Erongo
KASSANDRA	Erongo
KHAN RIVER LODGE	Erongo
MORINGA	Erongo
NIEDERSACHSEN	Erongo
ONDURQUEA	Erongo
OTJIKOKO	Erongo
RL FARM	Erongo
SCHOENFELD	Erongo
SOPHIA DALE	Erongo
WÜSTENQUELL	Erongo
CHEETAH CONSERVATION	Otjzondjupa
DORNHUGEL GUEST FARM	Otjzondjupa
FRANS INDONGO LODGE	Otjzondjupa
GABUS GAME RANCH	Otjzondjupa
GROSS BARMEN	Otjzondjupa
HAASENHOF	Otjzondjupa
HAMAKARIS	Otjzondjupa

HEISER OLIVEN	Otjozondjupa
LALAPANZI	Otjozondjupa
MT ETJO SAFARI LODGE	Otjozondjupa
OKAMAPU	Otjozondjupa
OKAPUTA GUEST FARM	Otjozondjupa
OKONJIIMA	Otjozondjupa
OKONJIMA BUSH CAMP	Otjozondjupa
OMBUJOMATEMBA	Otjozondjupa
ONBEAMEIATA	Otjozondjupa
OROPOKO	Otjozondjupa
OTJIKARU	Otjozondjupa
OTJIRUZE GUESTFARM	Otjozondjupa
OTJISAZU	Otjozondjupa
OTJITERAZU	Otjozondjupa
OZOMBANDA	Otjozondjupa
ROYS RESTCAMP	Otjozondjupa
SCHENKWERDER GUESTFARM	Otjozondjupa
SEIDARAP	Otjozondjupa
SNEY RIVER LODGE	Otjozondjupa
WOLTEMADE	Otjozondjupa
CAPRIVI RIVER LODGE	Caprivi
NAMUSHASHA	Caprivi
DIVAVA	Okavango
MAHANGO SAFARI	Okavango
NKWAZI LODGE	Okavango
POPA FALLS	Okavango
BEACH LODGE	Erongo
ERONGO WILDERNESS	Erongo
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OTJIKOKO	Erongo
RL FARM	Erongo
SCHOENFELD	Erongo
SOPHIA DALE	Erongo
WÜSTENQUELL	Erongo
BAMBATSI	Kunene
HOBATERE LODGE	Kunene
KAMANJAB REST CAMP	Kunene
KUDUBERG HUNTING SAFARIS	Kunene
MOWANI MOUNTAIN CAMP	Kunene

OHORONGO GAME SAFARIS	Kunene
ONGAVA LODGE	Kunene
OPPI KLIPPE	Kunene
OPPI KOPPIE	Kunene
OTJITAMBI	Kunene
PALMWAG LODGE	Kunene
SOPHIENHOF	Kunene
TOSHARI LODGE	Kunene
TUALUKA SAFARI LODGE	Kunene
UGAB TERRACE LODGE	Kunene
VINGERKLIP	Kunene
DAMARA DIK DIK	Oshikoto
ETOSHA AOBA LODGE	Oshikoto
GHAUB GUESTFARM	Oshikoto
LA ROCHELLE	Oshikoto
MUSHARA BUSH CAMP	Oshikoto
OKASHANA RDC	Oshikoto
ONGUMA BUSH CAMP	Oshikoto
ONGUMA TENTED CAMP	Oshikoto
NPK RECREATIONAL PARK	Ohangwena
SAMSITU RIVERSIDE CAMP	Ohangwena

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ABOUT MTC:

MTC (Mobile Telecommunications Limited) was established in 1995 as a joint venture between Namibia Post and Telecommunications Holdings (NPTH), Telia and Swedfund. During May 2004, NPTH concluded a deal that saw it hold 100 per cent of the shares in MTC by acquiring the 49 per cent held by Telia Overseas AB and Swedfund International AB. During 2006 the sale of 34% of MTC shares to Portugal Telecom was concluded for N\$1.34 billion while the Namibian government retains the remainder of the stake through NPTH.

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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