



**PRESS RELEASE - OVER 42 NAMIBIAN CONTRACTORS APPOINTED AS
MTC'S 081EVERY1 PROJECT SUPPLIERS**

MTC, the largest operator in Namibia, today is proud to announced that it has appointed over 40 Namibian companies, as contracting partners to its 081 Every1 project, which aims to construct over 500 new towers in mainly rural Namibia.

Windhoek – 23 January 2018 - Mobile Telecommunications Limited, MTC has confirmed that its 081Every1 project which will realize Namibia's 100% population network coverage is has shifted into higher gear.

This follows, the completion of the tendering proceedings, which were completed late 2017.

MTC has now finalized the appointment of the companies that will immediately start working on the project.

Commenting on this milestone, Tim Ekandjo, Chief Human Capital and Corporate Affairs Officer said: "Through technology and innovation this project will help change the way people live, work and communicate, providing an important platform for sustainable growth and development. The 081Every1 project will be a catalyst for change to accelerate the development of rural areas in the country. In a nutshell, this is a truly significant Namibian project and we are therefore humbly proud and satisfied that we have vested Namibian companies to participate in this project in line with our Procurement policy that seeks to empower Namibians" said Ekandjo,

Said Ekandjo, a total of 17 different companies has been appointed to be responsible for the supply, delivery and installation of Base Transmitter Station (BTS) Infrastructure that will be needed to complete the construction of 524 new towers across the country, revealed Ekandjo.

“We have strategically opted for 17 companies as opposed to one to speed up the implementation of the project so that the construction of towers commences simultaneously in all regions”.

In addition, MTC has also appointed six companies that will be responsible for the Tower Loading Analysis Services (TLAS). This six are also wholly owned Namibian companies.

As for the supply of solar, grid and lithium type batteries, a further 19 companies, has been given this tasks to ensure that these vital components are readily available for the projects team as the projects forges full steam ahead in the weeks to come.

The MTC 081Every1 project, is a N\$1,2-billion-dollar project and was officially launched in July 2017, by Deputy Minister of ICT, Stanley Simataa. It was initiated in response to MTC’s desire to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural Namibia, ensure that all Namibians have access to quality networks, mobile connectivity, broadband accessibility and access to the information superhighway in line with the spirit of Harambee.

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