



PRESS RELEASE – OVER A HUNDRED SITES TO GO LIVE AS PHASE ONE OF 081EVERY1 PROJECT COMPLETES IN MARCH

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23 January 2019 -Windhoek - Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC) is excited and proud to announce that a total of 111 new sites targeted for phase one of the 081Every1 project, are planned to go live by the end of March when the phase completes.

The company announced on Wednesday (23 Jan 2019) in Windhoek that 41 sites of phase one were commissioned and on air since December 2018; whilst civil works for 64 sites is completed, and for 47 sites progressively ongoing to beat phase one's deadline – March end.

MTC's Chief Human Capital and Corporate Affairs Officer, Tim Ekandjo expressed that the main challenge encountered is the snail pace in the issuing of Land Occupation Certificates from the respective Land Boards and the provision of power supply from some power utilities.

However, Ekandjo stated that despite the challenges in face of pursuing hundred percent population network coverage, MTC will constantly engage the relevant stakeholders in this regard and continue to make the stride to keep the driven momentum to meet the projects projected timeframe.

"Under this project, necessary upgrades of transmission network were conducted and has enabled MTC to introduce 3G network in remote settlements, unlocking the technological avenue for 2G to 3G migration for our customers in rural areas", expressed Ekandjo.

In addition to pushing Namibia to premier in 100% telecommunications network coverage in the region and facilitate to pave the way for national socio and economic benefits, Ekandjo says that "the erection of the 081Every1 power lines will permit MTC to bring power closer to some villages which will be very beneficial to them."

081Every1 project is a billion undertaking which was launched in August, 2017 with aim to expand MTC's network footprints and infrastructures and achieve close to 100% population network coverage through the roll-out of 524 sites which are constructed by 17 qualified Namibian contractors.

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