



PRESS RELEASE: TRANSFORMING LIVES – CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED WITH SHELTER AND DIGNIFIED HOUSING AS MTC AND HUAWEI GIVES N\$10 MILLION TO SHACK DWELLERS FEDERATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 250 LOW COST HOUSES.

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27 November 2018 – Windhoek –Huawei, a leading global ICT solutions provider, through its strategic partner MTC, decided to donate a sum of N\$10 million to the Namibia Shack Dwellers Federations to construct 250 low cost houses countrywide.

This decision was made at a gala dinner held on 26 November 2018, in Windhoek to celebrate 10 years of partnership between MTC and Huawei, highlighting providing a decent and affordable shelter to every citizen is pivotal in ascertaining that the dignity of the people is restored.

ON PARTNERSHIP:

Kian Chen, MD of Huawei Namibia said, rooted in Namibia for more than a decade, Huawei has been proactively fulfilling its corporate social responsibility for a long-term and sustainable value creation with our partners.

“We are grateful to be in this journey with MTC in facilitating the development of the local communities and result in win–win situations by enhancing ICT infrastructure with customers, nurturing an ecosystem with industrial and academic partners, bridging digital divide by cultivating ICT talent, to contribute to the goal of shared prosperity.” Kian said.

“Ten years back, we have embarked on a mutually beneficial partnership with Huawei to serve the telecommunications needs of the Namibian people. And to date we are proud of the tremendous milestones which we have achieved. MTC and Huawei will continue to work together to bring

innovative telecommunications solutions and the latest technology to enrich customers experience,” said Tim Ekandjo, Chief Human Capital and Corporate Affairs Officer at MTC.

ON HOUSING:

MTC’s Chief Human Capital and Corporate Affairs Officer, Tim Ekandjo expressed sadness over the harsh reality of housing that many Namibians are enduring. “It is earnestly disheartening that after so many years of independence, we are still denying our people access to basic fundamental human right by inflating and charging unreasonable exorbitant prices for houses. A house is not a privilege but a societal necessity amongst others, for ensuring safety and security of the people, and its provision thereof does not have to continue being a challenge.

It is estimated that there are currently close to 300 000 Namibians living in shack dwellings in the informal settlements throughout the country. This has become a growing challenge as the drive for rural-urban migration increases on a daily basis resulting in the mushrooming of many more illegal shacks

What is core in the pursuant and realization of proper, quality, decent and affordable housing is to embrace cooperation amongst us and be smart in our approach as we strive to complement the government’s effort to achieving socio-economic objectives.

Housing problem in Namibia is not just for the government to wrestle against but needs full backing from the corporate world. We need to collectively find a solution to this national challenge; and through the Shack Dwellers Association of Namibia, we want to prove that efficient and effective provision of decent low cost housing is doable. A call is thus out on all of us to come on board and collectively find a solution to housing challenge in the country.”

Preceding the N\$10 million donation, an early donation of N\$700 000 was made to the Shack Dwellers Federation in March, in addition the proceed from the “081Every1Fest” was also handed over to the Shack Dwellers Association.

As corporate citizen with the nation’s social welfare at heart and a continuous vested interest to contribute to the country’s social development and transformation, we are delighted to be supporting this noble and worthy cause” concludes Ekandjo.

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About MTC History

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% of the shares in MTC by acquiring the 49% held by Telia Overseas AB and Swedfund International AB. NPTH is 100% owned by the Government of the Republic of Namibia. On 1 September 2006 the sale of 34% of MTC shares to Portugal Telecom (PT) was concluded with the management contract also ceded to PT. MTC's shareholding is currently under review.

Operational Philosophy

MTC recognizes commitment to our common vision, to growth and profitability and to enjoying the work, we do. We achieve this through continuous change and development in a dynamic industry. We grasp opportunities to develop MTC in a structured manner.

We are committed to a culture of mutual respect, honesty, fairness, integrity, transparency, accountability and trust, and dare each other to perform in an excellent manner. We reward people according to the value they bring to MTC. We serve our customers to the best of our ability and strive to improve this service wherever possible.

HARAMBEE PP

Implementing Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP) is a socio-economic imperative to re-dress imbalances of the past. It is as much the public, private and state owned sectors' responsibility, as it is the government's duty to transform. Promoting HPP is an important element of being a responsible corporate citizen of Namibia. MTC is HPP sensitive as it is an issue of national interest, ensuring our survival in the future. Through this, a solid foundation is created for sustainable economic activity and development.