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**Background Information Document (BID)**

**Project Name:**

**Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) for the proposed Construction and Operation of three (3) Telecommunication Towers in Otjiwarongo, Otjzondjupa Region: **An Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate****

**Environmental Consultant:**

**Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd**

**Proponent:**

**PowerCom (Pty) Ltd**

**Date:**

**25 August 2021**



## 1 INTRODUCTION

PowerCom Pty Ltd (hereinafter referred to as *The Proponent*) proposes to construct and operate three telecommunication towers in the town of Otjiwarongo. The sites are in Otjiwarongo Extension 1 (20°28'06.4"S 16°38'29.7"E), Orwetoveni Extension 2 (20°27'37.9"S 16°39'46.9"E) and Proposed DRC Extension 4 (20°28'09.4"S 16°41'30.5"E) as indicated on the map in **Figure 1**.

Telecommunication towers and related infrastructure developments are among listed activities that may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) under the Environmental Management Act (EMA) (2007) and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations. The relevant listed activities as per EIA regulations are:

- *10.1 (g) The construction of masts of any material or type and of any height, including those used for telecommunication, broadcasting, and radio transmission.*

The Proponent has appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd, an independent team of Environmental Consultants to conduct the required Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) process and submit the ECC application to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT).

## 2 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

It should be noted that **this Background Information Document is not an Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) Report. The BID is a non-technical summary of the ESA**, aimed at sharing information and a basis for public involvement from the beginning of the ESA process. The purpose of the BID is therefore to provide project background information to stakeholders as well as interested and affected parties (IAPs), thus providing an opportunity for them (IAPs) to receive information, comment and raise issues regarding the environmental authorization process. The motivation behind this document is to:

- Briefly introduce the proposed project and related activities to potential IAPs and stakeholders, and provide information on the ESA process and how IAPs can get involved,
- invite members of the public to register as IAPs and added to the ESA database so that they can stay informed about the ESA progress throughout its process, and
- To provide all IAPs with an opportunity to comment or provide inputs or raise issues on the proposed project activities. The IAPs' inputs will then form basis of the ESA documents to help the competent and regulatory authorities (Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) and MEFT), respectively) to make informed decisions on the issuance of the ECC.

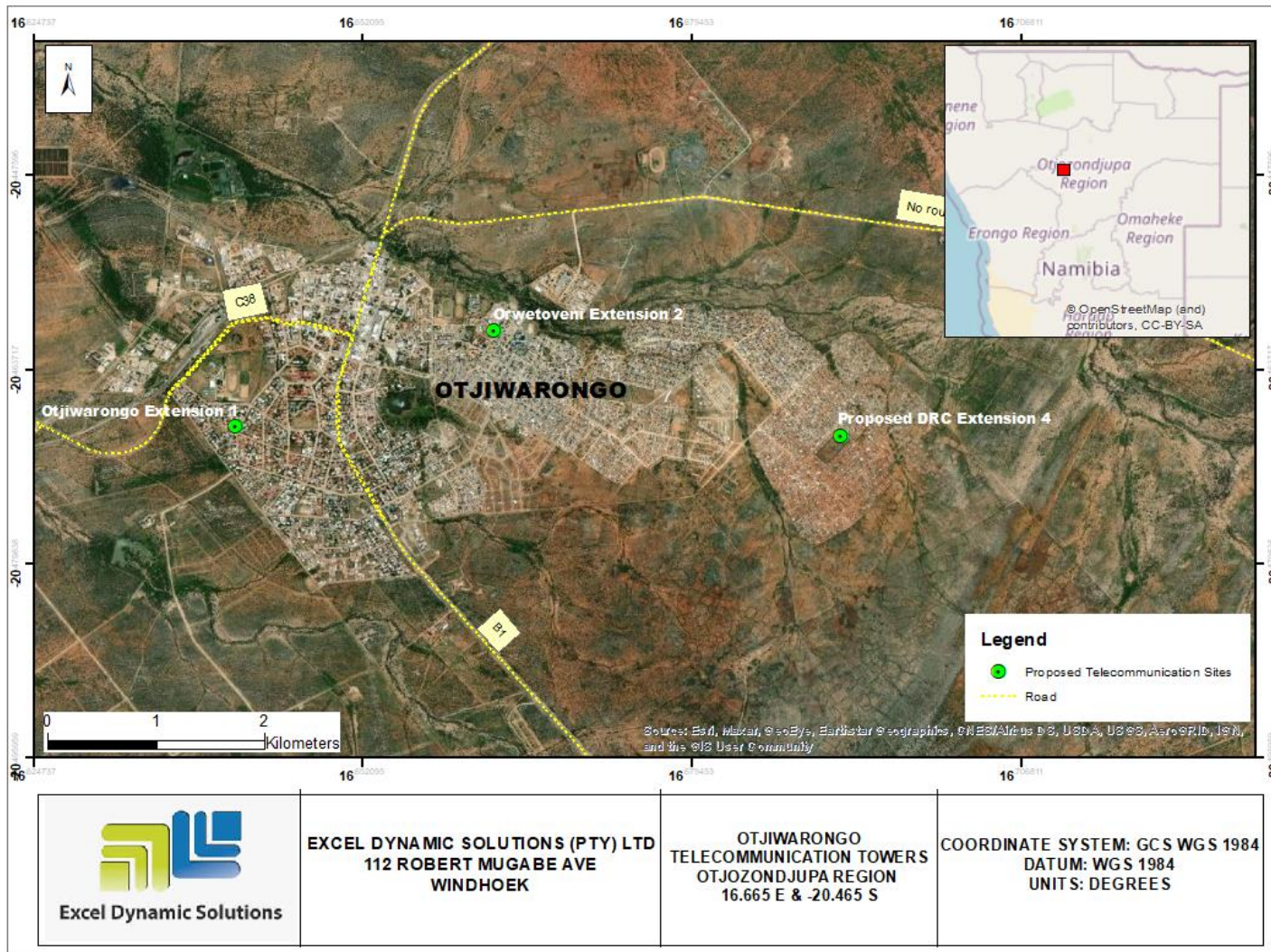


Figure 1: Locality map of the proposed three telecommunication sites in Otjiwarongo, Otjozondjupa Region

### 3 NEED AND DESIRABILITY OF THE ACTIVITY

Due to the constant growth in the use of mobile communication services in Namibia, the pressure (on service providers) to continuously expand the communications network is increasing. PowerCom has foreseen a shortfall in mobile network access (poor network signal) in these parts of Otjiwarongo Town. This planned activity will provide additional capacity, reducing the congestion problems and improve the coverage in the areas. This will also ensure improved quality of the service provided to the mobile users in the Town.

### 4 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Communications Act No. 8 of 2009, requires that service providers should first consider sharing existing infrastructure in the area before constructing new structures. There is no other infrastructure that could be shared by PowerCom to install/mount their antenna, therefore, PowerCom will need to construct completely new towers in these areas.

There are criteria that are usually employed to optimise the positions of new structures in the telecommunication industry. These include coverage of existing network infrastructure, surrounding topography & built-up environment, established and future urban areas, required

footprint and the most appropriate design of the facility (GCS Water & Environmental Consultants, 2017).

Once the Proponent has been issued with the ECC and obtained all relevant and required permitting/licensing such as land use /leasehold agreements), and ready to commence with the construction activities, the planned activities will commence at the sites.

#### 4.1 Site Location and Ownership

The anticipated network shortfalls to mobile users in these areas triggered this site selection. Furthermore, the outcome of the selection criteria used provided the best potential positions of these towers in the Town. All three sites are under the ownership of the Otjiwarongo Municipality and land use (leasehold) agreement to occupy the land for the purpose of constructing towers has been granted to PowerCom by the Municipal Council. The approval to set up the towers was granted to PowerCom as per the letter dated 8 July 2021. The approval letter also indicated that the three sites' land will be leased to PowerCom by the Council for a period of nine (9) years and eleven (11) months. The locality details of the sites in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1 Proposed site locality details**

<b>Site Name:</b>	Otjiwarongo Extension 1 (Erf 691)
<b>GPS Coordinates:</b>	20°28'06.4"S 16°38'29.7"E

<b>Local Authority:</b>	Municipality of Otjiwarongo
<b>Regional Administration:</b>	Otjozondjupa Regional Council

<b>Site Name:</b>	Orwetoveni Extension 2 (Erf 1514)
<b>GPS Coordinates:</b>	20°27'37.9"S 16°39'46.9"E
<b>Local Authority:</b>	Municipality of Otjiwarongo
<b>Regional Administration:</b>	Otjozondjupa Regional Council

<b>Site Name:</b>	Proposed DRC Extension 4 (School Plot)
<b>GPS Coordinates:</b>	20°28'09.4"S 16°41'30.5"E
<b>Local Authority:</b>	Municipality of Otjiwarongo
<b>Regional Administration:</b>	Otjozondjupa Regional Council

**4.2 Design and Technical Aspects**

The proposed towers will be used for 3G/4G coverage, and the coverage area will be 1.5km to have proper in-door and outdoor coverage. These sites will consist of towers, perimeter fence as well as the outdoor cabinets. The footprint (surface areas) to be covered by the towers and associated accessories will be small, anticipated to

be about 80 m<sup>2</sup>, with only less of that dedicated to the actual footprints of the towers.

**4.3 Construction Phase**

There will be minimal earthworks to prepare the sites for the towers' construction and installation. The construction work is expected to be completed within 3 months. The structures of the towers will be mounted to a concrete foundation and will not require any supporting cables. The physical assembling of the network structure and the construction of the foundations will take place on the sites by using manual labour as far as possible.

For safety and security reasons, the tower sites will be fenced off. This will also be done to ensure that access to the towers is limited to authorised personnel (such as maintenance team) only and to prevent vandalism of the towers and their associated accessories.

PowerCom will appoint contractors to carry out the construction. This work will be carried during weekdays only and between 08h00 and 17h00. Preference for the construction works will be given to locals, i.e., contractors from Otjiwarongo.

The appointed construction contractors will not be housed on sites but in their homes (for the locals) and in available accommodation facilities in Otjiwarongo for out-of-town technical staff (if necessary). Therefore,

no campsites related to the proposed projects (tower constructions) will be set up on sites nor their vicinities.

The appointed contractor will be required to provide appropriate and sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to all its employees while carrying out the construction works at the sites.

#### **4.4 Operational and maintenance Phase**

This is the phase during which the towers will be operational and provide network signal to the residents and other future land users in these parts of the Town. Maintenance of the towers will be done by PowerCom's Maintenance Department, as and when required. No onsite accommodation will be required during this phase, as the maintenance works would only last a couple of hours during the day.

Similarly, to the construction phase (works), PowerCom will ensure that all employees carrying out maintenance works on site are provided with appropriate PPE.

#### **4.5 Human Resources, Services, and infrastructure**

The following services and infrastructure as provided below will be required for the project activities:

**Human resources and accommodation:** The number of people that would be employed during the construction of the towers cannot be determined now, as this will be determined by the appointed contractor once the ECC is issued. The workforce will include both skilled, semi and unskilled people, as necessary to complete the work. All non-skilled labour will also be given to residents (from Otjiwarongo, preferably within the vicinity of the tower sites).

**Power Supply:** No electricity is required during the construction of the towers. However, it will be required during the operational maintenance phase of the tower. The towers will be powered by an alternating current (AC) power via the Central North Regional Electricity Distributor (CENORED) supply lines (PowerCom will need to engage the power supplier CENORED directly).

**Water supply:** Minimal amount of water will be required during construction. This water will be used for drinking and efficiently used for in-situ concrete mixture. In other words, the amount of water will be part of the concrete works, which will only be during the foundation casting. The required water will be sourced from the town. This will be upon agreement with the Municipality or relevant water supplier, who can be the nearest home or business owners.

**Accessibility (roads):** The three sites are in town; therefore, they will be accessed through the existing access roads and streets.

**Waste management:** there will be minimal waste generated on site. This will include general, solid, and possibly wastewater (sewage). This different waste will be handled as follows:

*General and domestic waste:* enough waste bins (containers) will be made available at sites to manage the accumulation of general and domestic waste on site during construction. The waste bins will be emptied disposed of at the Otjiwarongo landfill site.

*Sewage:* Portable ablution facilities will be provided on site and emptied according to manufacturers' instructions. The wastewater will then be transported offsite to the wastewater treatment facility in Otjiwarongo.

**Health and Safety:** Adequate and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to every project personnel while on and working at sites. A first aid kit will be readily available at each site.

**Potential Accidental Fire Outbreaks:** A minimum of basic firefighting equipment, i.e., a fire extinguisher will be readily available in vehicles, at each site.

#### **4.6 Decommissioning: Rehabilitation of Sites**

The Proponent will need to properly decommission the construction works and rehabilitated sites. This will include backfilling of any side

trenches with topsoil. The aim is to ensure that the disturbed site areas are left close to their pre-work state as much as possible.

## **5 ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

This ESA process is conducted in accordance with the provisions laid out in the Environmental Management Act (No 7 of 2007) and its' Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2012).

The primary objective of the ESA will be to identify potential negative impacts associated with the proposed activity, assess them, and recommend practical and effective mitigation measures to be implemented by the Proponent to minimize these impacts, while maximizing positive impacts.

The main objectives of this ESA are to:

- Comply with Namibia's Environmental Management Act (2007) and its EIA regulations (2012).
- Identify potential impacts associated with the proposed Activity.
- Inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevant authorities about the proposed activities and to provide them with a reasonable opportunity to participate during the EA process.

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- Assess the significance of issues and concerns raised.
- Compile a report addressing all identified issues and potential impacts related to various aspects of the activity.
- Compile an Environmental Scoping Report as well as a Draft Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which includes impacts' management and mitigation measures.

### 5.1 Potential Impacts

The following potential impacts have been identified so far:

#### Positive:

- **Telecommunications convenience:** Current and future residents (mobile users) will have an improved infrastructure and will not have to struggle with network coverage.
- **Employment creation:** Creation of temporary jobs during the construction of the towers.
- General contribution to local economic development through reliable communications services.

#### Negative:

- **Physical land / soil disturbance:** excavation activities to erect the towers could potentially lead to site soils' disturbance.

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- **Disturbance:** During towers' construction, the presence of the construction team may disturb the immediate neighbours to the sites.
- **Visual impact:** The presence of the towers in the neighbourhood may be a nuisance to locals.
- **Health and Safety issues:** Electromagnetic Radiation emitted from the antennae of cellular structures may affect human health.
- **Potential health and safety risks** associated with mishandling of construction and operations equipment.
- **Civil Aviation concerns:** The proposed site designs and location need to be verified to ensure that it meets the approval of the Directorate of Civil Aviation regarding the height of the masts and the position and stability of transmitters.
- Environmental pollution from improper disposal of waste generated during construction and maintenance phases.
- **Archaeological or cultural heritage impact** through unintentional uncovering of unknown archaeological objects or sites by certain project activities such as excavation (the minimal site works).

The potential impacts listed above were pre-identified and therefore should not be deemed as final or the only ones. Other potential impacts will be identified as the ESA process progresses i.e., upon site visit and consultation with the public (IAPs). All impacts and public concerns/comments will be incorporated and addressed in the Environmental Assessment Report and EMP.

## **5.2 Public Consultation**

Public consultation is an important part of ESA process. During the consultation process, interested or affected members of the public are given an opportunity to find out more about the activity and raise any issues or concerns pertaining to the environmental assessment.

To comment or receive further information on the project, please register with Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd using the details below:

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**Please make sure that the comments, issues and concerns should reach EDS before or on Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.** All registered I&APs will be kept informed throughout the various stages of the project and will be provided the opportunity to comment on the Scoping (ESA) Report.





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## APP: 002928 - FIRST EMAIL COMMUNICATION TO PRE-IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS (INTERESTED & AFFECTED PARTIES) ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2021

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Dear Stakeholder,

PowerCom Pty Ltd (The Proponent) proposes to construct and operate three telecommunication towers in the Otjiwarongo Town. The proposed sites are in Otjiwarongo Extension 1 (20°28'06.4"S 16°38'29.7"E), Orwetoveni Extension 2 (20°27'37.9"S 16°39'46.9"E) and Proposed DRC Extension 4 (20°28'09.4"S 16°41'30.5"E).

The construction of communication network towers is one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) as per the 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007. The Proponent has then appointed Excel Dynamic Solutions Pty Ltd, independent Environmental Consultants to conduct the required Environmental Scoping Assessment (ESA) process and apply for the ECC.

Furthermore, Section 21 to 24 of the EIA Regulations requires that Public Consultation is undertaken as one of the crucial components of the Environmental Assessment, which involves the pre-identification of potential Stakeholders or Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) and ongoing registration of new I&APs and subsequent consultation. You have been identified as a potential stakeholder for this proposed activity, and the reason you are receiving this communication. **Please find the attached file, the Background Information Document (BID)** of the proposed construction of three towers.

Once the ESA process is completed, a draft ESA Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be compiled and will be shared with you for review and comments before submission to the Environmental Commissioner at Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF), Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) for evaluation and consideration of the ECC.

Should you have any comments, questions or concerns that you would like us to include in the ESA Report, **please send them to us in writing before the end of business on Friday, 10 September 2021.**

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The Newspaper adverts notifying the public of the Environmental Assessment Process and inviting them to register as interested and affected parties (IAPs) and submit comments

## Another senseless killing rocks Omusati

■ Nunsita Ashipala

Police in Omusati are investigating a case of murder after a 27-year-old man allegedly stabbed his girlfriend to death before taking his own life on Monday morning.

The incident happened at Omutundungu village in the Etayi constituency.

The man is said to have stabbed the girlfriend eight times in the back and chest with a knife. She died at the scene.

According to Omusati police head Titus Shikongo, the man visited his girlfriend's house on Sunday evening, but she was not there.

"The suspect apparently did not find the girlfriend in the room, but kept waiting for her to come back home," he said.

The girlfriend allegedly only returned home around 06h00 on Monday morning, leading to the attack.

After murdering his girlfriend, the man fled to the next village, Ohamuti, where he committed suicide.

The woman was identified as Tresia Sheehama (26) from Omutundungu, while the man was identified as Fredrich Josua Haileka (27) from Omamhindi in the Okalongo constituency.

Their next of kin have been informed. Meanwhile, on Saturday, a man was allegedly assaulted with a stick on the head at an unknown time at Oshana-shakandina location at Okalondo in the Otamanzi constituency.

The man, who is deceased now, was taken to the Okahao district hospital for treatment, but died on Sunday morning.

The cause of the fight is yet to be determined as preliminary investigations could not locate any eyewitnesses as yet.

The victim was a homestead caretaker at Okalondo.

The suspect (26) has been arrested. - nashipala@nepc.com.na



Blessings upon blessings

**Sheltered...** The governor of the Hardap region, Salomon April, handed over the keys of the house constructed as part of his office's social programme to Ouma Hulda Isaack. The governor's office, in conjunction with various stakeholders, constructed houses for Isaack (104) and the family of the late Ouma Mina Goetsman (105) in Gibeon. The programme will be rolled out in all eight constituencies of the region, and will benefit child-headed households, pensioners who are 90 years old and above, veterans as well as persons living with disabilities. The programme was launched in June this year. The governor also handed over a proper structure to 64-year-old Lena Roosi and her family from the Asab area who lived in a makeshift house for five years. He also donated six goats to the family.

Photo: Toivo Swartz

## Writing off elderly people's debt 'not sustainable'



George Mayumbelo

The City of Windhoek's acting CEO George Mayumbelo says the city's policy on writing off the debts of pensioners and vulnerable people needs to be reviewed because the exercise is unsustainable.

He said this on Monday during the city's budget presentation for the 2021/22 financial year after it was approved by the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development.

He said in 2018, the city wrote off the debts of pensioners and vulnerable people worth over N\$100 million. It is planning to do the same early next year for the current financial year 2021/22, but the exercise is costly and needs to be reviewed.

"In some cases, we have seen that there are young people who live in those houses enjoying municipal services, but the bill is in the name of a pensioner who at times does not live in that house. The pensioner might be elsewhere, maybe in the rural areas. There are also genuine cases, but it is still not sustainable," said Mayumbelo.

He furthermore announced that the City Police department is not happy with the country's justice system as it keeps granting bail to repeat offenders, a situation that hampers their crime-fighting efforts.

"We can show you records of criminals that police officers refer to as 'clients' because the person had been arrested over and over again, but keeps getting bail. You will be busy with the 12th arrest of the same person, and his first case is not even finalised. That is one of the problems we are facing," he stated.

At the same occasion, the city's strategic executive for infrastructure, water and technical services Ludwig Narib said pipe bursts are reported almost every week in the city.

He added that the pipes have reached their lifespan and need to be replaced, but the municipality lacks the funds to do so. - Nampa

**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT PROCESS:**

**THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THREE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS IN OTJWARONGO, OTJICONDJARA REGION**

Under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, the public is hereby notified that an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) application for the proposed construction and operation of the towers will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.

**Brief Project Description & Location:** The proposed construction and operational activities of three telecommunication towers in Otjwarongo Extension 1 (20°28'06.4"S 16°38'23.7"E), Otjowerena Extension 2 (20°27'37.9"S 16°38'48.9"E) and Proposed DRG Extension 4 (20°28'08.4"S 16°41'30.5"E) of Otjwarongo Town.

**Proponent:** PowerCom Pty Ltd

**Environmental Consultant:** Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd

The public is hereby invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) to be able to submit comments, suggestions, raise concerns on the proposed activity and/or receive further information (Background Information Document (BID)).

**Please note that 2 Public Consultation Meetings will be held in Otjwarongo:**

**Date:** Thursday, 2 September 2021, Time: 10h30 and 14h30  
**Venue:** To Be Communicated

Registration requests and comments/concerns should be forwarded to Excel Dynamic Solutions (Pty) Ltd on the contact details below, by **Friday, 10 September 2021.**

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION – DELIVERY REGISTRY OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID) & COMMENTS' SHEET

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**APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR  
THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MTC TOWERS FOR OTJOZONDJUPA  
REGION**

1. Your letter dated 31 August 2021 bears reference to your application and scope seeking prior environmental clearance certificate for subject cited project, as required by Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007 is hereby acknowledged.
2. The proposal has been appraised as per the procedure prescribed under Sub-section 3 (3.1), page 19 to page 23 on the Legal and Policy requirements that needed to be complied with, based on mandatory documents enclosed with the application relevant to the provisions of Part 5 of the Communications Act, Act 8 of 2009.
3. Therefore, the Ministry of ICT will submit your application to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of Section 32 Subsection (2) of

Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007 for further review and granting of the environmental clearance certificate for the subject cited project.

4. We anticipate that this will receive your highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

*MB* 17.09.2021  
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