

Date: 29 April 2026

CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a New Lattice (Free Standing) Telecommunication Tower Site on Erf 3973 in Extension 4, Nkurenkuru Town, Kavango West Region - Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC)

Date: Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Time: between 09:10 am and 12:00 pm

Venue: Nkurenkuru Town Council Boardroom (09:10-09:47), Mr. Frans Hevelo's homestead (10:13-10:48), and Kulisuka Primary School (11:05-12:10)

Project Proponent: Mobile Telecommunications Limited (*MTC Namibia*)

Meeting Attendance

A week before the community consultation meeting (on the 21st of April 2026), communication was sent out via emails (including the Nkurenkuru Constituency office), written communication (consultation letters) to the Kavango West Regional Council and the Nkurenkuru Town Council. Notices were placed around Nkurenkuru for a one-on-one EIA consultation meeting, scheduled for the 29th of April 2026. However, the meeting was a no-show (see empty venue/Community Hall in **Figure 1**).



Figure 1: The No-Show photos of the old Community Hall in Nkurenkuru on 29 April 2026

Despite the no-show at the community hall, one-on-one engagements were done with the Nkurenkuru Town Council (four representatives) and Kulisuka Primary School (sixteen (16) representatives), as shown in **Figure 2**, as well as the homestead/mahangu field owner closest to the site (**Figure 3**). It should be noted that although the site seems to be in a mahangu field, this part of the land belongs to the Nkurenkuru Town Council, and the land ownership discussions had been held with the mahangu field owner in the past. The field owner also confirmed this during the EIA engagements.



Figure 2: The one-on-one EIA engagements with the representatives from the Nkurenkuru Town Council and Kulisuka Primary School on the 29th of April 2026



Figure 3: The one-on-one EIA engagement with the neighbouring homestead/mahangu field owner to the site on the 29th of April 2026

The EIA one-on-one engagements had an attendance of twenty-one (21) people (four representatives from the Town Council, sixteen from the Kulisuka Primary School, and one homestead owner neighbouring the site). The combined signed attendance register is attached hereto. The engagements were facilitated by an Environmental Assessment Practitioner from Serja Consultants.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

The engagements were opened and facilitated by Mr. Stefanus Johannes (Environmental Assessment Practitioner / Consultant) from Serja HGE Consultants, who thanked attendees for their participation. Mr. Johannes then presented the meeting agenda, which is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 on Public Consultation, Sections 21 to 24. The attendance register was circulated for attendees to sign the meeting attendance as proof of consultation to be appended to the EIA Scoping Report.

The meeting proceedings were done in English for the Nkurenkuru Town Council and the Kulisuka Primary School, and Oshiwambo Language for the homestead owner (Mr. Frans Hevelo, who is an Oshiwambo speaker).

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) / Mr. Johannes presented the agenda of the meetings/sessions, which included the following main points:

2.1 Explanation of what an EIA is, its Process, and the Public Role in the Process

In all three one-on-one sessions, Mr. Johannes explained that the EIA process is done in compliance with the EMA, as the establishment of telecommunication towers is one of the listed activities that cannot be undertaken without applying and obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner, which is subject to an EIA process and EIA Scoping Report as well as an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The EIA process requires that the consultation meeting be held with the affected and or interested parties where the project activities would be undertaken. Therefore, the ECC needs to be obtained first from the Environmental Commissioner at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) before the tower erection.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented as per the provided BID copy, and Mr. Johannes emphasized the importance of understanding the conducted EIA Study.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Mr. Johannes also presented the potential pre-identified positive and negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed project activities. This will establish the basis for mitigation measures to be developed for the proposed project.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns about the proposed project activities to be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as the basis for the compilation of the EIA Scoping Report and Draft EMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the EIA Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Issues, suggestions, and comments received during the EIA one-on-one engagements (sessions) in Nkurenkuru on the 29th of April 2026

No.	Name of the I&AP/Commenter & Institution	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1	Ms. Albertina Shatiwa: Nkurenkuru Town Council	I see under your pre-identified negative impact, it talks of radiation. What are the measures put in place to prevent nearby people from being affected by radiation generated by the network tower? What is the minimum distance this network tower should be from any residential or any other dwellings?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)): There are standards of engineering that must be followed, meaning the amount of radiation to be emitted must be within a range that does not affect people and other beings around the tower. When it comes to distance, there are a lot of factors that come into play with network towers, such as the type of instruments being mounted on the tower and the frequency being transmitted. I will inquire with MTC technicians

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			for the recommended distance for their type of network towers.
2	Mr. Peter Ntjamba: Nkurenkuru Town Council	Are there any records of victims who have developed health issues due to radiation caused by any of the MTC network towers?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): From my knowledge, I have not heard of any, but I will enquire too if they have been recorded by MTC.
3	Mr. Frans Hevelo: Neighbouring homestead/landowner to the site	<p>I am very grateful to hear again about this network project, and it seems to me that it is really materializing.</p> <p>Please do not be bothered by the crops I planted at the site where the tower will be, as this is a townland and not mine. I just took a chance to grow some crops as the area has not been utilized for the past few years. If the need arises, I will remove my crops with no hesitation.</p>	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Thank you. This is well noted.
4		When exactly do we expect the tower to be built?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Currently, we are still busy with the EIA, and we anticipate finishing within a month, so we can submit for the ECC, but after submission, we cannot really give the time frame of the next necessary steps, which are approval and granting of the ECC from MEFT. From our recent experience, the review period at MEFT can take up to 2 months for network tower EIAs. MTC will then appoint a contractor to construct the tower and make it ready for operations.
5		Will this area be fenced off, or will the tower just be open with no sort of protection from thieves, children, and cattle?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): The area will definitely be fenced off for protection from external outsiders and to protect the tower itself, as well as ensuring community safety.
6	Ms. Magdalena Sikuvi: Kulisuka Primary School	I am seeing the potential risks associated with this project. How severe will this be for us, and what measures to address this?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): One of the main reasons for an EIA is to identify negative issues that can arise from this project and look for mitigation measures to be implemented to minimize or measures that will avoid some impacts from occurring. I have explained earlier that there is a document to be compiled, known as the environmental management plan (EMP), which incorporates the identified impacts and their mitigation measures to minimize the impact or avoid them.

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7	Mr. Sikati Sikongo: Kulisuka Primary School	Is the tower safely distanced from the people to avoid the radiation issues?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): Looking at the location of the tower and technical design, it is safe.
8		In the instance where someone is hurt by this tower, is there any sort of compensation to compensate the hurt person, and who will be responsible for the compensation?	Mr. Stefanus Johannes (EAP): In terms of compensation, the incident must be investigated to see who is at fault. The EMP outlines compensation procedures in the event someone gets hurt.

3. FINAL REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

3.1 What is the way forward after this meeting?

Mr. Johannes thanked the community for attending the meeting. He informed them that their comments and recommendations will be included in the EIA Scoping Report and EMP that will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Forestry (DEAF) of the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. The EIA documents (including meeting minutes) will be shared with registered I&APs for review and further comments. In other words, once the review of the draft documents by I&APs is completed, the documents will be finalized and submitted to the Environmental Commissioner at the DEAF/MEFT for evaluation and consideration for an ECC.

The three engagement sessions were adjourned at 09:47 am, 10:48 am, and 12:10 pm, respectively.



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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY: THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LATTICE (FREE STANDING) TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER SITE ON ERF 3973 IN EXTENSION 4, NKURENKURU TOWN, KAVANGO WEST REGION

PROJECT PROPONENT: Mobile Telecommunication Limited (MTC)

DATE & TIME: 29 April 2016 ~~at~~ between 09:00 and 12:30pm

VENUE: Nkurenkuru Town Council, Mr. F. Havel's Homestead & Kalisuka Primary School (one-on-one engagements)

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