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U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti to Provide Emergency Power and Stability

After more than a decade of social and political unrest in Haiti, the United Nations launched a peacekeeping effort in 2004 to bring stability and security to the Western Hemisphere's poorest country. While much of the U.N. Stabilization Mission (UNSTAMIH) in Haiti consisted of military personnel and police, numerous organizations and companies from around the world also contributed by providing various forms of humanitarian assistance. In 2007, APR Energy was contracted by the United Nations to support UNSTAMIH to provide 13MW of power for its local headquarters at the Hotel Christopher in Port-au-Prince, and at its peacekeeping sites across the country. APR Energy had been providing 50MW of generating capacity for Électricité d'Haïti since 2004. Haiti had an inadequate power grid that had scarce fuel supplies and could not distribute electricity beyond its major cities. APR Energy solved the transmission problem by distributing small and mid-sized diesel power modules, from 50KVa to 800KVa, across 26 locations. To ensure constant power, redundant generating capacity was installed at each site, allowing for daily maintenance on each unit. APR Energy worked with a third-party contractor to secure reliable diesel fuel imports and distribution to each site. APR Energy participated in the Haiti mission through 2012, providing essential power needed for critical U.N. peacekeeping activities to rebuild Haiti amiss political turmoil and catastrophic natural disasters.

