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Howell Laboratories, Inc. Supporting Relief Efforts in Haiti

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Howell Laboratories, Inc. is supporting the relief effort in Haiti with products produced by both its Howell Laboratories and Shively Labs Divisions.

The Howell Laboratories Division of HLI manufactures shipboard fluid and environmental systems for the US Navy. On January 12, 2010, Howell technician Matt Smith was on sea trials with the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson when that ship was diverted to Haiti to serve as the backbone of US relief efforts. Smith was onboard ship to do final checkout of new Mixed Oxidant Electrolytic Disinfectant Generators (MEDGs) manufactured by Howell and recently installed as an upgrade to the Vinson's potable water systems. The MEDGs produce a mixture of disinfectants from salt that are more effective than chlorine- and bromine-only systems. The USS Carl Vinson's capability to manufacture over 400,000 gallons of drinking water a day is being fully utilized in the Haitian relief effort, and Smith remained with the ship through the first week of deployment.

The Shively Labs Division of HLI manufactures FM broadcast antennas and transmission equipment for US and international markets. Through a Canadian partner, Shively has manufactured and donated a custom FM antenna to assist the United Nations in re-establishing radio broadcasting in Haiti. Shively employees worked over the weekend to ensure the antenna was ready to transport to Florida on Monday, where it is being packaged with other components of the new radio station.

Radio communications is typically one of the first services that governments try to re-establish in an emergency as it is by far the most effective way of disseminating information in a crisis. Consequently, Shively has been involved in a number of relief efforts over the years and has designed equipment especially suited to these situations. Likewise, Howell equipment is deployed wherever the US Navy is operating and we have supported equipment during events like the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami relief efforts. However, according to President Paul Wescott, this may be the first time that both Divisions are working on the same relief effort.

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