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BEL Confirms Power Supply System Remains Sound, Following Earthquake Tremor

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has completed an assessment of its power supply system countrywide and confirms that the Independence Substation was the only facility to suffer structural damage as a result of the earthquake tremor that occurred at 2:24 a.m. today.

The concrete foundation at the Independence Substation cracked, which resulted in a loss of power supply to the Independence area. Power was restored at 4:08 a.m. There were no other related outages. At 8:05 a.m., there was a short switching outage in Belmopan related to maintenance works being conducted.

At the time of the earthquake tremor, the hydroelectric facilities at Belize Electric Company Limited in the Cayo District and Hydro Maya Limited in the Toledo District were both supplying power to the National Grid and continued to supply power without interruption. Inspections have confirmed that there were no damages at any of the hydroelectric facilities in the country.

Belize Aquaculture Limited was not supplying power at the time to the National Grid but also reported no damages. There were also no damages at any of BEL's diesel generating facilities.

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