

Canadian company works overtime to supply essential equipment after mudslide



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Delta, BC, Canada SEI Industries, a Canadian manufacturing facility, began operating 24 hours a day to supply essential equipment required after the recent Papua New Guinea mudslide. The mudslide cut off a vital road into an ExxonMobil liquefied natural gas project stranding more than 4500 workers.

With only 10 days of fuel remaining but an estimated 35 days required to re-build the road, an urgent call was placed to SEI Industries to supply a BC-invented product that allows helicopters to transport fuel into remote locations. In use on five continents, the Fuel-Easy is a lightweight, flyable fuel container made from a special industrial fabric and designed to be slung from below a helicopter. The fuel will be used to maintain basic needs and living accommodations for the workers.

After receiving the call, SEI made the decision to ramp up its manufacturing schedule to accommodate the urgent request by employing staff around the clock. Local news media have stated that this was one of the worst landslides in Papua New Guinea, with witnesses reporting that the slide was about a kilometre long and a few hundred metres wide. SEI Industries and its staff extend their heartfelt condolences for this tragedy.

SEI is proud to be an award-winning manufacturer of many products that assist with humanitarian efforts, help protect the environment as well as support commercial and military operations in 110 countries around the world. Often, these products are seen in the news without any recognition that they were produced by SEI.

A small sampling of the type of global roles that SEI products have played includes:

- Nuclear site cool-down after Japans devastating tsunami (using the Bambi Bucket)
- Clean, potable water storage during Haitis earthquake relief effort (using the Onion tank)
- Assistance with Columbias drug enforcement activities (using the BATT and Jungle King tank)
- Custom decontamination trailers for use in biological, radiological and terrorist events (FBI, FEMA, military hospitals and the National Guard)
- Critical firefighting products that are used from Australia to Italy to Asia (80% of worlds market share)