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Expanding Algeria's Electric Grid

UTC Overseas is playing an important role in helping the nation of Algeria expand its national electric distribution grid. Starting in 2011, UTC began delivering fifty 25-MW "Mobile Pac" power generation units, built by PW Power Systems for consignee Sonelgaz Algeria.

The "Mobile Pac" units are built in the United States. Related support equipment is sourced from the U.S., Europe and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Each complete system comprises a shipping volume of about 2,500 cubic meters with the heaviest component, an Italian-built mobile sub-station, at 110 tons.

The first 30 systems were delivered on an Algerian port basis, but starting in 2013, UTC began fast tracking deliveries to final

destinations throughout Algeria, many of them deep in the Saharan desert. It also began handling customs clearances and payment of all applicable import duties and taxes. UTC Project Manager Lennart Stridh notes that payment of the country's 17% VAT and import duties demands complete faith and trust by all parties, since the amounts due on the high-value units are substantial.

"Algeria's customs system still operates 'the old fashioned way,'" Stridh explains. "It requires completion of a myriad of forms and applications, all of which must then be reviewed and signed by the proper government and customs officials. That normally takes about three weeks, requiring us to store shipments at ports and airports, and adding to project costs."

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With the strong support of Sonelgaz and further aided by UTC's Customs Broker, UTC on-site manager Stefano Comotto has seen air freight clearance times reduced to just a couple of days, and ocean freight to less than a week. Comotto's French fluency and knowledge of the Algerian customs system also aids the process.

steady flow of these units to worksites, we have moved the last 20 units primarily via partial or exclusive vessel charters on a 'Last In/First Out' basis, plus partial ocean charters from the UAE, as well as a total of seven Antonov 124-100 and Boeing 747-400F air charters just this year."

Deliveries of the latest 20 systems were divided between two sites in metropolitan Algiers, the nation's capital, and two in the Saharan desert. Congested streets limited delivery of oversized city loads to night hours. Roads into the Sahara are usually in good shape, Stridh says, but towns and services are widely spaced so the use of modern reliable equipment is vital to timely delivery.

"UTC Overseas has played a key role in moving the large majority of our production into Algeria, including over two dozen very large and very delicate 60 and 220 KV transformers," explains Rami Morsi, Project Manager for PW Power Systems. "Their logistics expertise has been a real asset!"



"These units are crucial to expanding the reach and reliability of Algeria's national grid," Stridh concluded. "To maintain a

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UTC Opens New Office in Algeria

With its ongoing and expanded service in the region, UTC has taken the first steps to establish a more comprehensive presence in Algeria with the opening of an office in Algiers, the nation's capital. Initially, the new facility will operate as a "representative" office with the longer-term goal of achieving full-service status.

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Question: What is the largest country in Africa by landmass?

ANSWER: Algeria is currently Africa's largest country at 2,381,741 sq KM or 919,595 sq. miles. The previous title holder was Sudan, prior to its division in 2011.

To deliver some of the fifty 25-MW Mobile Pac power generation units to the nation of Algeria, UTC chartered Antonov 124-100 cargo planes.

