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"It's a nice, evenly balanced market, but it can have peaks and it can have quiet spells," Murphy said.

"We went from 10 years ago having two or three contractors of any size, now you've got 20 or 30 who are maybe not in our league, but are half the size of us and certainly giving a lot more competition to the bigger boys. But to stay in the industry, you have to spend the money."

The group's entities include Junior Sammy Contractors Ltd., Jusamco Pavers Ltd. and Sammy's Multilift Services. And Murphy, a transplanted Scotsman, said having all those moving parts under one familiar umbrella provides an advantage when particularly urgent needs arise.

"We've got quite a history on the island of work that's been completed, so if anybody asks about the people to go to, a lot of people know Junior Sammy Group of Companies and they'll knock on our front door," Murphy said. "The government comes and knocks on our door in emergencies.

"There was a sinkhole in an area close by to seal up, and in 24 hours we came up, mobilized and brought all our equipment. It's a major artery into (the capital city of) Port of Spain, and within 15 hours we had it fixed, repaired, poured the concrete, laid down the asphalt and the road was back open to the morning rush hour traffic at 6 o'clock.

