



Press Release

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Updated Metal Detector and PPE Catalogue 2005

The Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) has published an updated version of the *Metal Detectors and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Catalogue 2005*, taking into account information on most detectors currently available to the mine clearance market.

“The last few years have seen the emergence of many new technological approaches to simplifying and speeding up the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO). Nonetheless, the manual deminer, equipped with hand tools and a metal detector, remains the most standard method of humanitarian demining. The metal detector will, for many years, provide the main means of mine and UXO detection” says Johannes Dirscherl a GICHD Demining Specialist.

A variety of new systems have been incorporated into the Metal Detectors and PPE Catalogue 2005. However, not all manufacturers of PPE used in humanitarian demining are featured.

“Independent performance tests on metal detectors are few in number. The GICHD itself does not carry out testing and evaluation, but those interested in detectors that have undergone tests should contact manufactures directly, or, in some cases, refer to the European Union’s Joint Research Centre (JRC) website ” says the GICHD Director Stephan Nellen.

The Catalogue is available in hard copy, CD- ROM, or can be viewed by visiting the GICHD website at www.gichd.ch. The information provided is accurate as of 13 June 2005. If changes in a product have occurred, manufacturers’ updated information will be included on the GICHD website.

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