



## **Press Release**

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### **Third Revised Edition - Metal Detectors and PPE Catalogue 2007**

The Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) has published the third up-dated edition of the *Metal Detectors and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Catalogue 2007*. This overview includes detailed technical information on most detectors currently available to the mine clearance market.

One of the key images of land mine clearance still today is of individual deminers, equipped with metal detectors and hand tools, working their way across each square metre of land. For those undertaking this difficult task it is imperative to choose the best equipment available to suit their particular needs.

“The last few years have seen the emergence of many new technological approaches to simplifying and speeding up the clearance of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). The development and recent deployment of dual sensor systems has the potential to revolutionise humanitarian demining. Nonetheless, the manual deminer, equipped with hand tools and a metal detector, remains the most standard method of humanitarian demining.” says Klaus Koppetsch a GICHD Demining Specialist.

A variety of new systems, particularly dual sensor detectors, have been incorporated into the Metal Detectors and PPE Catalogue 2007. However, not all manufacturers of PPE used in humanitarian demining are featured.

“Independent performance tests on metal detectors, dual sensors and PPE are few in number. The GICHD itself does not carry out testing and evaluation, but anyone interested in products that have undergone tests should contact manufacturers directly, or, in some cases, refer to the ITEP website – [www.itep.ws](http://www.itep.ws)” 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.org](http://www.gichd.org). The information provided is accurate as of January 2007.

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