



CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MANUFACTURERS

My name is Klaus Koppetsch and I work for the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) as a mechanical studies specialist.

The GICHD supports the efforts of the international community in reducing the impact of mines and unexploded ordnance. We are active in research and provide operational assistance on request.

Our Centre issues an bi-annual updated catalogue which covers the majority of off-the-shelf detection equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) available on the open market. This document is distributed worldwide, and provides technical and general information to both government-level donors and field users.

The release of the next updated version is planned for early January 2009.

If your company deals with the development of detection equipment for humanitarian demining (categories in the catalogue are hand-held detectors including dual sensor systems and ERW/UXO detectors as well as vehicle-mounted detectors and wide array detectors), I would like to incorporate your products in the catalogue. This offer is free. The catalogue will also include PPE for humanitarian demining (including all kind of protective suits, jackets, vests, trousers, shorts and aprons as well as helmets, visors and mine protecting boots).

Manufacturers whose detectors and PPE have been previously displayed should provide detailed updates on any changes which have occurred through product development or experiences gained in field operations.

These manufactures will find the related article and technical data sheet of the last edition from the catalogue 2007 attached. Please feel free to incorporate any product or information changes and if you do so, please use the track change modus.

Manufacturers, whose detectors and PPE have not been part of the catalogue before now, are referred to our website: <http://www.gichd.org/gichd-publications/metal-detectors-and-ppe-catalogue/>. There you will find examples of how we have presented other similar products.

Information on further technical developments, tools in use to date, factory support, and maintenance support as well as price per tool are of particular interest to the audiences mentioned above.

Reports referring to field operations or trials which show the potential performance of your system would be greatly appreciated. Manufacturers who offer different types of detection systems or models, as well as PPE, are kindly invited to provide all relevant data.

You will find questionnaires attached with the information needed. Please fill these in as fully as possible. The catalogue description of your product will be based on the details you provide in this questionnaire. Prepared articles on your tool to be incorporated in the catalogue are also welcome. The quality of each product entry is dependent on the quality and depth of information provided by each manufacturer.

In order to show your tools to their best advantage, we need to have good quality photographs. **Please provide at least four high quality pictures in jpg- format with a minimum of 300 dpi when shown at 100% of their final size in the document.**

These should show your detector or PPE in operation or display any other detail which you consider to be important. **The pictures should be forwarded as a separate file and should not be embedded e.g. in a Word document. Images which are Gif format (website quality) are not, unfortunately, acceptable.**

Updated pictures of detectors and PPE which have previously appeared in our catalogues are needed to help us improve product presentation in our publication.

Please forward your contribution to the next edition of the Metal Detector and PPE Catalogue 2009. The submission is requested by the 15th of July 2008.

Many thanks in advance for your kind assistance.