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PROJECT N°	9175	MISSION DATE	19 – 21 Sept 2011
MISSION PURPOSE	Workshop on Enhanced Operational Approaches through the Application of Land Release Methodology'		

1. Mission overview

During the period 19-21 Sept 2011 the GICHD Head of Operations, Guy Rhodes, and GICHD consultant Mike Creighton participated in a 'Workshop on Enhanced Operational Approaches through the Application of Land Release Methodology' in Siem Reap Cambodia. With many years of support from the GICHD, NPA, and UNDP, Cambodia is very advanced in the development and application of efficient Land Release practices was seen as a suitable environment for hosting such an event. The workshop was made possible through the generous support of AUSAID and the commitment of both the CMAA and CMAC. Mr Creighton was tasked with the development and coordination of the workshop, in partnership with the facilitating organisation CMAC, and presenting during the workshop. RHG also presented and facilitated the discussions and working groups on the final day.

2. Purpose and objectives of the workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to create and foster interest and discussion from mine/ERW affected countries on the subject of Enhanced Operational Approaches to Land Release. This was achieved through the sharing of theoretical as well as practical lessons learnt from various mine/ERW affected countries. The objectives of the workshop were:

- Present and discuss theoretical aspects of developing IMAS and NMAAS on Land Release and share practical lessons on the development of such standards.
- Present and discuss theoretical and practical aspects in developing operator Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on Land Release and the various techniques and assets that can be applied to the efficient release of land.
- Discuss other operational aspects related to operational effectiveness such as Quality Management (QM), reporting, and contracting.
- Document lessons learnt to contribute to the enhancement of practical guides and standards amongst NMAA's and operators.
- Provide an environment for operational staff from mine action programs from around the world to discuss common issues and challenges.

3. Participants of the workshop and agenda

The workshop attracted 120 participants from 15 countries – participant list attached in Annex A to this report. The workshop agenda is attached at Annex B.

BACK TO OFFICE REPORT PAGE 2 / 11**4. Follow-on activities**

The workshop was considered by the participants as a solid initiative. The main advantage identified is that the participants were mainly operational staff from NMAA's and operators and therefore the discussions were relevant to current field practices in Land Release as opposed to only theoretical discussion. The need for a follow-on workshop of similar theme was identified and even an annual event of similar nature was received positively - i.e. a workshop in a mine affected country focusing on the operational issues associated with the application of Land Release. The facilitating organisation, CMAC, will produce a recording of the workshop presentations and a summary of main lessons learnt.

Guy Rhodes
Geneva, Switzerland
22 Sept 2011



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ANNEX A

No.	Country	Title	First Name	Last Name	Position	Organization
1	Afghanistan	Mr	Mohammed Sediq	Rashid	Chief of Operations	MACCA
2	Afghanistan	Mr	Mohammed	Aziz	Operations Manager	MCPA
3	Afghanistan	Mr	Mohammed	Daud	Exec. Man. Plan & Ops.	DAFA
4	Afghanistan	Mr	Mohammed Nabi	Zalmi	Quality Manager	DAFA
5	Afghanistan	Mr	Shah	Wali Ayubi	Exec. Ops. Manager	MDC
6	Afghanistan	Mr	Fazel	Rahim	Operations Manager	OMAR
7	Afghanistan	Mr	Mohammad	Tahir	Operations Manager	DDG-Afghanistan
8	Afghanistan	Mr	Timur Shah	Hakimi	Operations Manager	ATC
9	Angola	Mr	Zlatko	Vezilic	Operations Manager	NPA-ANGOLA
10	Angola	Mr	Edgar	Lourenco	Technical Advisor	CNIDAH
11	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Mr	Ahdin	Orahovac	Deputy Director	BHMAC
12	Cambodia	Mr	Tong	Try	Senior Project Officer	UNDP
13	Cambodia	Mr	Esteban	olhagaray	Communication Officer	UNDP
14	Cambodia	Mr	Frank	Masche	Tech. Op. Manager	MAG
15	Cambodia	Mr	Nick	Guest	Regional TOM	MAG
16	Cambodia	Mr	Alistair	Moir	Country Manager	MAG
17	Cambodia	Mr.	Eiki	Watanabe	Country director	JMAS
18	Cambodia	Mr.	Un	Pidich		NPMEC
19	Cambodia	Mr.	Ken	SaSavoeun		NPMEC
20	Cambodia	Mr.	Phal	Samorn		NPMEC
21	Cambodia		Sophy	Ang		NPMEC
22	Cambodia	Sister	Denise	Coughlan	Director	ICBL
23	Cambodia	Mr	Sopheak	Sak		CCBL
24	Cambodia	Mr	William 'Bill'	Morse	Int. Project Manager	CSHD
25	Cambodia	Ms	Sophin	Sophary	Operation Manager	CSHD
26	Cambodia	Ms	Sokunthea	Nguon	Program Manager	Australian Embassy
27	Cambodia	Mr	Jeroen	Stol	Country Manager	HI-B
28	Cambodia	Ms	Kanazawa	Shoko	Representative	JICA
29	Colombia	Mr	Pablo Esteban	Parra Gallego	Demining Co-ordinator	PAICMA
30	Croatia	Mr	Oto	Jungwrith	Assistant Director	CROMAC
31	Iraq	Mr	Faris	Ali	Operations Advisor	UNDP

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32	Iraq	Mr	Mumtaz	Asker	Dir. Mine Action Standards	IDMA
33	Jordan	Mr	Mohammed	Abu Dalou	Deputy Director	NCDR
34	Jordan	Mr	Yassin	Majaly	Special Advisor	NPA
35	Lao	Mr	Alan	McKeown	Company Manager	Milsearch-BPKP
36	Lao	Mr	Tony	Fish	Operations Manager	NPA-LAOS
37	Lao	Mr	Magnus	Johansson	Technical Advisor -Sekong	NPA-LAOS
38	Lao	Mr	Phetsavang	Sounnaeth	Deputy Director	NRA
39	Lao	Mr	Liam Mixay	Keokangmo uang	Provincial Co-ordinator	UXO Lao Saravane
40	Lao	Mr	Phoumy	Phouanthong	Snr. EOD Technician	UXO Lao Sekong
41	Mozambique	Mr	Antonio	Belchior	Director of Operations	IND
42	Mozambique	Mrs	Ligia Filomena	Chamo	Ops. Staff	IND
43	Sri Lanka	Mr	Chris	Bath	Project Manager	DDG
44	Tajikistan	Mr	Daler	Mirzozaliev	EOD Officer	TMAC
45	Tajikistan	Mr	Asafbek	Shonazarov	Snr QA Officer	TMAC
46	Thailand	Col.	Chatchai	Intarawichai	DBU Manager	TMAC
47	Thailand	Mr	Kan	Rittiplaeng	Clearance Ops. Manager	NPA/TDA
48	Thailand	Mr	Amornchai	Sirisai	Technical Advisor	TDA
49	Thailand	Mr	Visavesa	Chuaysiri	Survey Ops Manager	NPA/TDA
50	Thailand	Mr	Andrew	Sully	Country Manager	APOPO
51	UK	Mr	Matthew	Hovell	SEA - Desk Officer	Halo Trust
52	UK	Mr	Grant	Salisbury	Int. Op. Man. - Cambodia	Halo Trust
53	UK	Mr	Leng	Saren	Nat. Op. Man. - Cambodia	Halo Trust
54	USA	Mr	Jay	Steed	Task Program Manager	WRA
55	Vietnam	Mr.	Martin	Hoare	Country Manager	DDG-Vietnam
56	Vietnam	Ms	Thuy	Truong	Communications Manager	DDG-Vietnam
57	Vietnam	Mr	Paul Andrew	Eldred	Operations Manager	NPA-Vietnam
58	Vietnam	Mr	Vu Ngoc	Diem	Head of Scientific Research	BOMICEN
59	Vietnam	Mr	Dan Van	Mo	QA/QC OFFICER	Engineering Command
60	Vietnam	Mr	Phan Thien	Duc	QA/QC OFFICER	VBMAC
61	Vietnam	Ms	Thu Ha	Nguyen	Program Manager	VVAF
62	Vietnam	Ms	Le Thi Thu	Huong	Project Officer	VVAF
63		H.E.	Sophamkol	Prum	Deputy Secretary General	CMAA
64		H.E.	Phumro	Oum	Deputy Director General	CMAC
65		Mr.	Sang Onn	Oum	DOP	CMAC
66		Mr.	Guy	Rhodes	Head of Operations	GICHD

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67		Mr	Michael	Creighton	Consultant	GICHHD
68		Mr.	Sun Hao	Tang	Country Director	NPA
69		Mr.	Rune	Anderson		NPA (HO Oslo)
70		Mr	Jan Erik	Stoa	Manager	NPA
71		Mr.	Sangha	Srey	Deputy Director Ops.	CMAC
72		Mr.	Kamrang	Eang	Database Unit Manager	CMAA
73		Mr.	Lim	Chhiv	SEPD	CMAA
74		Mr.	Kalyan	Tep	Regulation and monitoring Director	CMAA
75		Mr.	Vuthy	Keo	BLS manager	CMAA
76		Mr.	Vandy	Him	DoTRD	CMAC
77		Mr.	Chreang	Leng	DoMVPD	CMAC
78		Mr.	Roeup Seyha	Mol	DDoP	CMAC
79		Mr.	Bunran	Chhin	Chief of Ops	CMAC
80	Bus 1	Mr.	Pottana	Rath	DU1	CMAC
81		Mr.	Driver DU1		DU1	CMAC
82	Bus 1	Mr.	Panharith	Pring	DU2	CMAC
83		Mr.	Driver DU2		DU2	CMAC
84	Bus 3	Mr.	Ponnareay	Sa Em	DU3	CMAC
85		Mr.	Driver DU3		DU3	CMAC
86	Bus 2	Mr.	Sarath	Keo	DU5	CMAC
87		Mr.	DU5 Driver		DU5	CMAC
88	Bus 2	Mr.	Vireak	Som	TC	CMAC
89		Mr.	TC Driver		TC	CMAC
90	Bus 3	Mr.	Sarun	Mean	DU6	CMAC
91		Mr.	Willer	Peter	DU6	CMAC
92		H.E	Sophorn	Khem	Chairman of Govening Council	CMAC
93		H.E.	Ratana	Heng	Director General	CMAC
94		H.E.	Bunrong	Chum	Secretary General	CMAA
95		H.E.	-	-	Govenor of Siem Reap	Government
96		H.E.	Tharith	Bun	Deputy Govenor of Siem Reap and Chairman of PMAC	Government/PMAC
97		H.E.	Bunrong	Chum	Secretary General	CMAA
98		H.E	Sophorn	Khem	Chairman of Govening Council	CMAC
99		H.E.	Ratana	Heng	Director General	CMAC
100		Ms	Sovannary	Peang	Dep. Dir. Public Relation	CMAA
101		Mr.	Vandy	Phen	Project Manager	NPA
102		Mr.	Khun	Lay	Project Officer	NPA
103		Mr.	????	???	IT personnel	NPA
104		Mr.	Phearong	Mean	Chief of Machinery and Transport	CMAC

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105		Ms	Sowathey	Nem	Public Relations Manager	CMAC
106		Ms	Rangsey	Norin	Volunteer	CMAC
107		Mr.	Raksmei	Ung	Academic Training Officer	CMAC
108		Ms.	Sen Nisay	Kong	PACM Assistant	CMAC
109		Mr	Richard	Hughes	Ops. Advisor	CMAC
110		Mr.	Sophorn	Pech	PAC Assistant	CMAC
111		Mr.	Tong Ho	Leng	DoP Assistant	CMAC
112		Dr.	Mike	Minehan	Volunteer	CMAC
113		Mr.	Phalla	Dos	PAC Assistant	CMAC
114		Mr.	Heng	Sok	Asst. CoS	CMAC
115		Mr.	Sivorn	Sam		CMAC
116		Mr.	Socheath	Sam	PAC Officer	CMAC
117		Mr	Chris	Bowen	Field Advisor	CMAC
118		Ms	Choloe	Chapple	Volunteer	ICBL
119		Mr.	Ratana	Khun	Chief of Secretariat	CMAC

ANNEX B

Sunday 18 September: Arrival

Day/Reception

Time	Program
18:00	Poolside cocktail reception at Borei Ankor Resort and Spa
18:15	Welcome remarks by: H.E. Chum Bun Rong Advisor to the Prime Minister Secretary General of the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority (CMAA)
20:00	Cocktails end

Monday 19 September : Day 1 - hotel

Time	Program	Note
08:00	Registration opens	
08:25	Workshop introduction	CMAC Mr Sam Oum
08:30	Opening remarks H.E. Buntha Rith Deputy Governor of Siem Reap and Chief of Siem Reap Provincial Mine Action Committee (PMAC)	
08:40	General remarks	GICHD Mr Mike Creighton
08:50	Official opening remarks	CMAC H.E. Chum Bun Rong
09:00	Administration briefing	CMAC Mr Richard Hughes
09:10	Morning break	

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09:30	Land Release general overview	GICHD Mr Mike Creighton
10:15	Cambodian Mine Action Standards (CMAS)	CMAA H.E. Prum Sophakmonkol
11:00	CMAC and Land Release	CMAC H.E. Oum Phumro
11:45	Lunch	
13:00	Land Release in African Countries	Angola Mr Edgar Lourenco
14:00	Land Release in high density border minefields	Jordan Mr Mohammed Abu Dalou
14:45	Afternoon break	
15:00	MAG	MAG Mr Frank Masche
15:30	HALO TRUST	HALO TRUST Mr Matthew Hovell
16:00	APOPO	APOPO Mr Andrew Sully
16:30	Preparation for Day 2	CMAC Mr Sam Oum
16:45	Day 1 concludes	

Tuesday 20 September : Day 2 - field visit

Time	Program	Note
06:30	Leave the Hotel	

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07:00	Arrive at CMAC DU4 -Welcome guests to DU4 and refreshments (15min) -Field Visit orientation (15min) -Walkthrough (Museum) (15min)	A snack will be packed for delegates.
07:45	Leave DU4	Will stop at rest area en route and receive snack pack
10:15	Arrive at Site 1 -Field Briefing (15min) -Q&A (15min) -Visit: BC, MDD (30min)	
11:15	-Drive to Site 2 (15min)	
11:30	Arrive at Site 2: -Briefing by Platoon commander (10min) -Visit: manual clearance/BC (30min)	
12:15	Leave site for Lunch site at Koh Ker temple	
12:30	Lunch at Koh Ker Temple	
14:00	Leave Lunch site	
15:00	Stop over at Beung Mealea temple (30min)	
15:45	Leave Beung Mealea for hotel	
17:45	End	

Wednesday 21 September : Day 3 - hotel

Time	Program	Note
08:00	Delegates arrive	
08:30	Land Release in a Wider Context	GICHD Mr Guy Rhodes
09:00	Land Release in South Eastern Europe	Bosnia Mr Ahdin Orahovac
09:45	Morning break	

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10:00	Land Release in Central Asia	Tajikistan Mr Daler Mirzoaliev and Mr Asafbek Shonazarov
10:45	Land Release in a cluster munitions context	Laos Mr Tony Fish
11:30	Land Release in Central Asia	Afghanistan Mr Mohammed Sediq Rashid
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Group discussion/hardtalk	GICHD Mr Guy Rhodes
15:00	Afternoon break	
15:15	Recap and looking forward	GICHD Mr Guy Rhodes
16:00	Final housekeeping	CMAC Ms Sowathey Nem
16:15	Closing remarks	CMAA H.E. Khem Sophoarn Chairman of CMAC Governing Council
16:30	Workshop concludes	