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The Technology Center for Bomb and Mine Disposal (BOMICEN)/Engineering Command/Ministry of Defense of Vietnam in collaboration with the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAF) has the pleasure of inviting technical and operational staff from the demining industry manufacturers, national & international operators and the South East Asia national mine action programmes to a technology workshop in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The aim is to introduce and discuss technical issues relevant to landmine and ERW survey and clearance, and bring together manufacturers, technology practitioners and specialists to share ideas and experiences.

The workshop will be held on 24 and 25 November 2011 in Da Nang, Vietnam.

The “Technology in Mine Action Workshop” will focus on technologies and methodologies to enable more efficient survey and clearance of areas contaminated by landmines and ERW. The agenda will cover latest technologies or technologies that will be completed and fielded within the coming 12 months. The workshop will be an opportunity for operators and manufacturers to discuss and share experiences in the application of operational technologies and methodologies, and other technological challenges they are currently facing. In addition, manufacturers will have the opportunity to better understand the nature of contamination in Vietnam, and countries with similar contamination challenges, in order to develop the right technology to meet the demands of the sector.

Topics for discussion and ideas for presentations should be submitted as soon as possible to Erik Tollefsen at GICHD (e.tollefsen@gichd.org). The final, detailed agenda will be sent to all registered participants two weeks prior to the workshop.

Attendees should have a profound understanding of the technical and operational challenges relating to ERW survey and clearance. Manufacturers of relevant technologies are invited to exhibit and demonstrate their respective products during a half a day of the workshop, for which space at an outdoor location will be provided by the organisers. The workshop will be conducted in Vietnamese and English.

You are invited to nominate two representatives from your organisation to attend. Regional Country programmes will be partially sponsored with economy return air tickets for domestic flights between Hanoi/HCM and Da Nang. They will also be provided with hotel accommodation in Da Nang, Vietnam.

Registration should be done to Celine Cheng at GICHD (c.cheng@gichd.org) and Bui Thi Kim Oanh at VVAF (buioanh@ic-vvaf.org) no later than the 12 November 2011. For sponsorship arrangement, please address Bui Thi Kim Oanh at VVAF (buioanh@ic-vvaf.org).

On behalf of the Organizers,

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