EFNDT Working Group 5 - of Antipersonnel Landmines Detection

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting

National Park Plitvicka Jezera, April 5th 2001

Place: Croatia, National Park *Plitvicka Jezera*, Hotel *Jezero* **Time:** April 5th 2001, 17:30-21:35

Agenda:

- 1. Accepting the Minutes of the 2nd EFNDT WG5 APMD meeting, Doc15,
- 2. Objectives and working strategy of EFNDT WG5 APMD,
- 3. Members presentation,
- International Conference on APMD, <u>MATEST 2001</u> NDT in Environment Protection at the beginning of the 21st century,
- 5. Participation of WG5 in European related activities,
- 6. Future tasks,
- 7. Standardisation,
- 8. Other topics.

Participants in alphabetic order:

<u>WG5 members;</u> Davor Antonic, Tomaz Apih, Uwe Ewert, Ferenc Fücsök, Nenad Gucunski, Vjera Krstelj (WG5 convenor), Rainer Link, Ana Lypolt, Damir Markucic, Marko Maucec, Piotr Pregowski (WG5 convenor deputy), Josip Stepanic, Zdravko Terze, Hermann Wüstenberg;

<u>Guests of the meeting</u>; John Dean (EC JRC Ispra), Vjekoslav Majetic (DOK-ING Director), Sandor Molnar (EOD Dept., Hungary), Nikola Pavkovic (CroMAC), Tomislav Dusanic (invited mine awareness artist, Osijek).

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A Meeting conclusions:

Members of WG5 are interested to work on projects related to landmine detection and clearance, in what Quality Management is implemented. The very essence of such a pilot project, the so called Megaproject, has been already considered by prof. Krstelj. The idea of this project is that local population should be properly involved in the project of mine clearance activities, providing them with equipment and support for this task. The main difference from conventional approach is in the fact that in the existing context, after mine clearance the local population does not come back. Following that approach, after the clearance is done, the local population is already at the place, and with proper modifications the equipment for clearance of mines can be used after it for the agricultural work that is very promising one in such a chemically non-polluted area. Financing of the project could be done by relevant institutions which support mine detection and clearance, by redistribution of money already planed for clearance by professionals and with support from potential investors. Drafts of projects will be disseminated to all the WG 5 members for adding and suggesting their contribution to the project.

The work on standardization is very important and should be concerned permanently. Regarding CEN WG126, our group will cooperate and give any support needed. Again it was emphasized that terminology is very important and should be the first one to start with. The performance demonstration procedure is a crucial task since it is urgently needed in the field.

Members agreed that 4th EFNDT WG 5 - APMD meeting be held during MATEST 2001 Conference.

In final discussion members emphasized once again that topics in International Workshop were highly informative, and that visiting of minefield was extraordinary experience with great value for their further work.

The members addressed plenty of gratitude to the EFNDT WG5 convenor prof.Krstelj. She extended gratitude to Mr. Damir Goršeta, Director of Mine Action Center and his associates for fruitful cooperation in organization of this demanding event.

In 21:35 the meeting was closed.

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