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## **Global Clearance Solutions launches Service Division with a focus on the EOD/IEDD sector**

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### **GCS expands its service portfolio in the wake of terrorist attacks and a growing number of conflicts**

Freienbach, Switzerland, November 21, 2017 – **Global Clearance Solutions (GCS)** is a leading provider of high quality and purpose-built mechanical solutions for the removal and disposal of landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and improvised explosive devices (IEDs). In response to threats encountered in conflict zones and a growing number of terrorist attacks involving explosive hazards, the company has expanded its service offering in the field of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD). GCS applies its renowned expertise to offer a range of customized EOD training programs to law enforcement agencies, militaries, NGOs and security companies. Additionally, it has expanded its capacities to conduct clearance and disposal operations using latest methodologies and equipment.

Philipp von Michaelis, CEO of GCS, highlights "the ever-evolving threats involving explosive devices have dramatically changed the market environment. These risks come in various forms and clients need to adopt a new approach when dealing with hazardous items. We support our clients from the planning stages through to operational engagements." The company has taken a number of experts on board to respond to the recent developments. One of those experts is Marco Pohlert, who has a long and distinguished track record in the field of EOD and improvised explosives devices disposal (IEDD) under high threat conditions. A former member of the German Special Forces with numerous deployments in conflict zones around the globe, he has been at the forefront of developing strategies against the threats posed by IEDs and other explosive devices. As he points out, "the complexity we encounter in those scenarios that may potentially include explosive items has increased. We need to apply new thinking when developing risk mitigation procedures and solutions to counter those threats."

The recent developments in countries like Iraq, Syria and Libya, but also terrorist attacks across Europe and other industrialized centres, underline the need for new solutions. Global Clearance Solutions responds to these developments with a comprehensive set of services. Please visit our website [www.gcs.ch](http://www.gcs.ch) for more information or get in touch with us via email ([service@gcs.ch](mailto:service@gcs.ch)).

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### **About Global Clearance Solutions**

Global Clearance Solutions (GCS) is a leading company in the security industry and a provider of safe, reliable and cost-efficient mechanical solutions for the disposal of landmines, improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and other remnants of war, as well as for runway clearance. GCS's products are comprised of a platform and an attachment that can be changed quickly depending on the use. These attachments range from a manipulator arm for IED clearance to a tiller attachment for destroying landmines. GCS currently has over 50 experienced employees, with headquarters in Freienbach, Switzerland and a production facility in Stockach, Germany.

For more information about the company, the product and service portfolio please visit [www.gcs.ch](http://www.gcs.ch)

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