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(pressebox) (Freienbach, Switzerland, 19.04.2018) **Global Clearance Solutions (GCS)** is a leading company in the security industry and a provider of safe, reliable and cost-efficient solutions for the effective clearance/disposal of explosive remnants of war (ERW), including landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO), improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and cluster munition. Additionally, the company offers a wide range of services and training in the field of EOD and IEDD\*.

For the implementation of the humanitarian program "Support to mine clearance, development and social protection of vulnerable populations" in northern Chad, financed by the European Union (Emergency Trust Fund for Africa), HI (Humanity & Inclusion), formerly known as Handicap International, was looking for a mechanical demining solution. The

requirement was for a versatile remote-operated system that can use several types of tool attachments and be easily implemented in the harsh environment of the deployment ground.

After a comprehensive public tender procedure, GCS was selected as the best solution provider for the delivery of the hardware package consisting of the GCS-200. This product is an unmanned multi-purpose EOD platform designed for heavy-duty clearance tasks with maximum survivability in high-threat environments. The configuration for Chad includes tiller and sifter bucket attachments. GCS also provides transport and support equipment such as an 8x8 truck and an off-road trailer, a field workshop and a transport container complete with a set of spare parts, consumables, oils and lubricants.

Additionally, GCS will provide a four-week training course for the operators, a two-week training course for the maintainers and service support in northern Chad. GCS's competent field technicians will accompany HI's operators

and mechanics during their daily operational activities which will enable operators and mechanics to gain more confidence and proficiency in using and maintaining the equipment. This approach will enable maximum output of the equipment in Chad's challenging environment.

\* explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) and improvised explosive devices disposal (IEDD)

#### **About Humanity & Inclusion (formerly Handicap International)**

HI is an independent international association that has been working for 35 years in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster. Working alongside people with disabilities and vulnerable people, HI acts and speaks out to meet their basic needs and improve their living conditions. HI is committed to promoting respect for dignity and fundamental rights. Since its inception in 1982, HI has implemented development programs in more than 60 countries and is involved in many emergency situations. The network of 8 national associations (Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States) is constantly working to mobilize resources, co-manage projects and promote the principles and actions of the organization. HI is one of the six founding associations of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, winner of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize and winner of the 2011 Conrad N. Hilton Award.

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