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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMAN RECEIVES TOP HONOUR
FOR LANDMINE CRUSADE IN CAMBODIA

An Australian businessman has received one of Cambodia's most prestigious civil honours for his personal commitment to reducing the number of "live" landmines in the former war-torn country.

Adelaide-based Minelab Electronics executive, Hugh Graham, was awarded the esteemed Gold Medal for National Construction Grand Cross, which is only granted by the King of Cambodia, His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni.

The Medal – only one of two awarded - was presented to Mr Graham by the Cambodian Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen, in a high level ceremony in Phnom Penh, on Wednesday attended by about 2000 people, including Government Ministers, UN officials and diplomats.

Mr Graham received the medal for his long-term involvement with the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) and its ongoing campaign to clear the millions of landmines that still litter that country's "Killing Fields".

One of the world's leading mine detection equipment manufacturers, Minelab, has been supplying CMAC with mine detectors for about 12 years.

In November last year, the Company – part of the ASX-listed Codan group - sent \$2 million worth of equipment, including several hundred of its flagship F3 metal detectors, as well as a range of spare parts, to the internationally-renowned CMAC.

However, it is Mr Graham's personal involvement with the Centre that gained today's top honour bestowed by the King of Cambodia.

"I am both honoured and humbled by this award," said Mr Graham, Minelab's General Manager – Countermine Division.

"It has been both my personal and professional privilege to be associated with the Cambodian Mine Action Centre, and the exceptional work it is doing with mine clearance, for more than a decade," he said.

"The work undertaken by CMAC has literally saved thousands of lives – many of them young children who play in the fields where landmines and other explosives have been buried.

"Since it was formed in 1992, CMAC has found and destroyed nearly 450,000 anti-personnel mines, 8,300 anti-tank mines and more than 1.5 million unexploded ordnances (UXO), including cluster munitions.

"In that time, it has cleared more than 26,000 hectares of land and ensured it can be safely used by local communities. The work CMAC is undertaking is truly inspirational, and it richly deserves the international plaudits it continues to receive."

Codan Managing Director and CEO, Mr Mike Heard, said the Company was “delighted and extremely proud” that Mr Graham had been recognised for his outstanding contribution to the social and economic development of Cambodia through the removal and destruction of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

“For the past twelve years, Minelab has been committed to the eradication of the global landmine menace,” he said.

“This commenced through Minelab’s association with CMAC. As a direct consequence of the invaluable co-operation and experience provided by CMAC, we have been able to improve our landmine detection technology, thereby contributing to the economic recovery of many countries suffering from the threat of landmines.”

About CMAC

The Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) is that country’s leading demining organisation, as well as one of the largest humanitarian demining organisations in the world.

It employs more than 2,400 staff and deploys more than a dozen demining operations at a time, including manual demining teams, mine and UXO detection dogs, mechanical clearance systems, explosive ordnance disposal and mine/UXO risk education.

Since 1992, CMAC has found and destroyed about 2 million landmines and/or UXO.

About Minelab Electronics

Minelab Electronics was acquired by Newton-based global communications products specialist, Codan Limited (ASX: “CDA”), in March 2008.

Like its parent company, Minelab is an Australian-built, multi-award winning business that has successfully scaled world markets to command global leadership in its key areas of operation.

Based in Torrensville with sales and distribution offices in Ireland and the United States, the Company specialises in advanced electronic technologies.

It first entered the mine detection market in 1998 after its equipment was selected as the “detector of choice” by the Cambodian Mine Action Centre.

Over the past decade, Minelab has become a globally renowned supplier of equipment for use in the detection of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

Supplying Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), commercial demining companies, military and para-military forces, its detectors are currently used in more than 50 countries.

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