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CROMAC and ASB sign Memorandum of Understanding

The Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC), represented by Mr. Oto Jungwirth, Head of CROMAC, and the Office of Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), represented by Mr. Wolfgang Gressmann, Head of Office, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of the Counsellor of the German Embassy, Mr. Wolfgang Wendel. In accordance with this MoU, mine-clearance will be carried out in the Sisak-moslavina county, Brodsko Posavska county, Zadarska and Karlovačka county. The project is funded by the German Government under the auspices of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. With funds of € 800,000, ASB will mine-clear over 305,000 m² of houses, yards and areas in six municipalities in these four counties.

The MoU is regulating the conditions for the implementation of the project which will be completed by September 2003.

Until today, ASB carried out mine-clearance of more than 2 million m² in the Republic of Croatia in close co-operation with CROMAC. The Republic of Croatia is one of the ten countries in the world with the highest number of mines and UXO.

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