

CMAC

10. LAND RELEASE

Since 2003, CMAC began to conduct technical survey in highly contaminated districts in Pailin and Battambang and most recently in Siem Reap. This survey allowed CMAC to release more land that were initially suspected of being contaminated for productive use, and to employ its scarce demining resources more effectively through accurate prioritization of demining tasks and deployment of appropriate demining tools as the result of accurate information.



Since last year CMAC has been working on a new land release protocol based on the international practice and standards. In 2009, CMAC plans to complete the development of the Land Release concept with the technical assistance from NPA and GICHD. This will involve many elements of consideration to make the whole process successful. The following are planned to be implemented:

WORK PLAN FOR LAND RELEASE

1. Submit the draft Land Release concept to CMAA for endorsement by the first quarter of 2009. This will become a CMAS on Land Release when adopted by CMAA. The CMAS on Land Release will address the following issues:
 - Terminology
 - Land release through general survey
 - Land release through non-technical survey
 - Land release through technical survey
 - Land release through full clearance
 - Composition of capabilities
 - Documentation
 - Information of management
2. Conduct workshop to communicate the land release concept to key players and stakeholders.
3. Make necessary preparations for the execution of the Land Release concept.
 - Equipment requirements/considerations
 - Management implications
 - Information management
 - Training requirements
 - Decision making mechanisms
 - QA and Monitoring
 - SOP revision

OTHER SURVEY ACTIVITIES

Apart from the baseline survey and the development of land release concept, CMAC will also conduct other survey activities to support demining operations in general. This role will involve pre and post clearance survey, marking, and area reduction through assessment of requested tasks to avoid full clearance in all areas requested. CMAC needs to also ensure that these survey activities will be aligned with the baseline survey and land release concepts to be initiated in the near future.

It is expected that survey under this category will reduce approximately 70,000,000 m² from the formerly suspected areas reported under the Level 1 Survey.