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Dear Sir

ARMTRAC MECHANICAL MINE CLEARANCE EQUIPMENT

BACTEC International Limited, part of the BACTEC Group of companies, has been actively carrying out EOD and mine clearance over the last 19 years in some 45 countries for a wide range of clients including the UN, EC, NATO as well as Overseas Governments, Multi National and National Organisations.

Much of our mine clearance work involves the use of mechanical mine clearance equipment to carry out area reduction, identifying the location of mine rows, clearing mines as well as post clearance QA checking and verification.

BACTEC has had extensive experience with a variety of different manufacturers' equipments in a variety of environments and terrain. We have found that the Armtrac range of equipments are user friendly (easy to operate), are very well designed and engineered and perform the functions we require. We have purchased both wheeled (Armtrac 100) and tracked (Armtrac 75) equipments for specific projects and have also procured and deployed Armtrac hydraulic strimmers and flail/tiller heads.

The Armtrac equipments are based on fully developed, trialled and tested commercial components. This means that spares are readily available even in remote areas. During mine clearance operations we have detonated a number of AT mines. On one occasion a mine was detonated while the operator was manoeuvring the Armtrac over an area that had not been flailed. The resultant detonation badly damaged the front axle. A new axle was located, flown into the project location and fitted within 72 hours to allow the machine to continue with its mine clearing duties. This demonstrates the benefits of the Armtrac range of equipments utilising off the shelf components and the support provided by the company.

Operator protection, reliability and capability are the key aspects BACTEC demands of all its equipment, Armtrac meets these requirements in a cost effective manner.



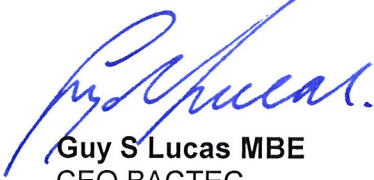
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The Armtrac management team spend time on the ground listening to their customer's requirements and ensure all equipment is purpose designed with safety in mind to deal effectively with mines and ordnance.

I strongly recommend the Armtrac range of mechanical equipment.



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