

PRESS RELEASE

ITALIAN ARMY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR THE SCHIEBEL DIMADS™ BOMB LOCATOR

In the face of intense international competition, NATO member Italy has awarded the Schiebel Group a contract for bomb locating systems. Based on their considerable experience gained with the AN-19/2 Mine Detecting Set, this contract reflects Italy's continued confidence in Schiebel's quality products.

The contract calls for 55 DIMADS™ Bomb Locating Systems, including application software and support. It was signed in June 1997 in Rome, Italy by the director of the Centro Genio Tecnico Militare, Major General Stefano Matarrese, and Mr. Hans-Georg Schiebel the President of the Schiebel Group.

DIMADS™ stands for Digital Magnetic Anomaly Detection System and revolutionizes the way in which Explosive Ordnance Disposal is conducted. The system incorporates a user-friendly visual interface with a highly developed sensor and data storage package. This gives the operator the ability to conduct wide area clearance safely and efficiently with minimal training.

DIMADS™, Schiebel's latest hand-held development, was also recently selected by the Canadian Department of National Defense for rapid clearance of a former artillery impact area. DIMADS™ is another example of Schiebel's efforts to help simplify the work done by operators in the field.

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