



LMAS 09.11 Annex D

MINE FIND DURING BATTLE AREA CLEARANCE

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1. Introduction

In circumstances during battle area clearance operations where the suspected or confirmed threat is ERW a mine is located, the following **shall** occur.

2. Requirements and Procedure

- 2.1 If a mine is observed at the battle area clearance Site **outside or in the working area** then all movement by foot and vehicle shall immediately stop.
- 2.2 **If safe to do so**, the normal procedures for locating a mine or ERW shall be conducted as detailed in LMAS 09.10/1 Manual Mine Clearance, or this Standard, ensuring that the mine is not disturbed.
- 2.3 The supervisory person (i.e. Team Leader or Site Supervisor) shall be immediately informed of the find.
- 2.4 The supervisory person shall ensure that all operations at the Site and others under his/her responsibility have ceased, pending an assessment of the situation.
- 2.5 **If it is safe to do so**, the Supervisory person shall check the find and on confirmation that it is a mine, he shall ensure that it is appropriately marked and not disturbed.
- 2.6 **If it is safe to do so**, the supervisory person shall record all pertinent information available, i.e. date, time, location, description and condition of mine.
- 2.7 **If it is safe to do so**, all personnel shall collect their personal equipment and move to a designated safe area. This is normally the Control Point.
- 2.8 The supervisory person shall ensure that the Mine Action Organisation HQ and the SMACO are immediately informed, providing a situation report, i.e. where, when, what, why, etc.
- 2.9 Battle area clearance operations shall be suspended at the Site pending an investigation by the SMACO.
- 2.10 It may be necessary to clear a safe passage to the mine's location and / or to recover personnel or valuable equipment.
- 2.11 In these circumstances mine clearance procedures shall be conducted by pertinent accredited personnel and prior authorisation for clearance shall be requested from the SMACO.
- 2.12 Prior to conducting manual mine clearance procedures, the supervisory person shall make a pertinent threat assessment which shall include the type / depth of the mine and the capability of the available asset.