

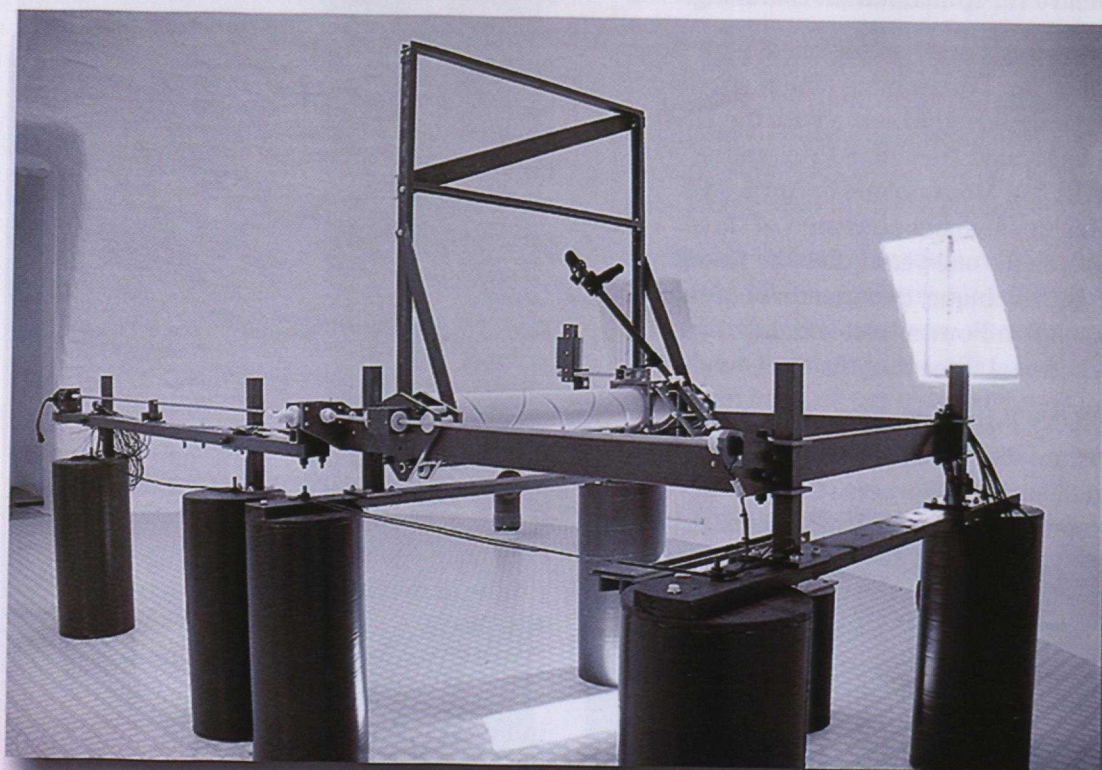


The Canadian Centre for Mine Action Technologies

The Canadian Centre for Mine Action Technologies (CCMAT) was established in 1998 to expand research and development (R&D) of low cost, sustainable mine action technologies. The CCMAT acts as Canada's focal point for demining technologies, working on fundamental R&D, the development of a database on demining technology and the adaptation of applicable military technology for humanitarian use. The CCMAT serves as an assessment agency to ensure that only the most effective and appropriate technologies are deployed to the field. Through Industry Canada, the Centre encourages and funds industrial participation in the development and commercialization of promising new technologies.

Fiscal year 1999 was the CCMAT's first full year of operations. Through its association with the Defence Research Establishment Suffield (DRES), the Centre has a comprehensive R&D program underway and is already producing technology for development by industry and subsequent deployment to the field.

The CCMAT is a key player in international collaboration and has established a good working relationship with the demining community. Total spending in fiscal year 1999 from the Canadian Landmine Fund for the CCMAT's operations was approximately \$2.8 million. The following are some specific achievements:



A non-metal test rig used to evaluate metal detectors.

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