Zagreb (Croatia) - Demining projects worth over 117 mln Croatian kuna ($17 mln/15.2 mln euro) were carried out on areas covering a total of 95.8 sq km in Croatia for the first half of 2003, the Croatian Mine Action Centre said on July 15, 2003.

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A total of 91 pct of the funding was provided by the Croatian budget. A total of 3,676 land mines and unexploded devices, left from the 1991-1995 war, were discovered in the demined areas. Demining projects in the Sibenik-Knin county, southern Croatia, were carried out on an area of 4.8 sq km for the first half of 2003. Demining projects in the Sibenik-Knin county will be carried out on 5.2 sq km in 2003. Another 43 sq km are suspected to be infested with mines in the Sibenik-Knin county. The demining of the Sibenik-Knin county is expected to be completed by 2010. One person died in a mine incident in the Sibenik-Knin county in the first half of 2003. A total of 103 persons were injured, of which 20 died, in mine incidents in the Sibenik-Knin county since 1991.

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