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PRESS RELEASE

Destruction of the First Million of PFM-1 Mines at “Pavlograd Chemical Plant”

State Enterprise Research-Industrial Complex “Pavlograd Chemical Plant” (SE RIC PCP) is one of leading Ukrainian enterprises on disposal of ammunition, missiles and elements thereof which are unsuitable for further use and pose a threat to security in places of their storage, at depots and arsenals of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine.

Having a more than 80-year experience in works with explosives, ammunition and missiles, the enterprise has developed and implemented unique process procedures for disposal of various types of ammunition, missiles and elements thereof.

SE RIC PCP is the only enterprise in Ukraine performing works on comprehensive disposal of ammunition and missiles certified according to the International Standards: ISO 9001 Quality Management System, ISO 14001 Environmental Management System and OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System.

The experience and capabilities of the enterprise have permitted it to successfully contribute to solving problems in the scope of such international and national programs as:

- “The Cooperative Threat Reduction” (CTR) Program being implemented consistently with Ukraine’s commitments under the Lisbon Protocol dd. 23.05.1992. on the elimination of strategic offensive arms, and in fulfillment of the START-I Treaty dd. 31.07.1991.;
- The “Partnership for Peace” Programme aimed at addressing the issues of elimination of conventional ammunitions including destruction of cluster ammunition with PFM mines, which has been implemented since 2005 in the framework of Ukraine’s commitments under the Ottawa Convention.
 - disposal of conventional ammunitions unsuitable for further use;
 - provision of mining enterprises with TNT-free explosives.

Demilitarization of ammunition requires special expertise and technology, and cluster ammunition constitutes a specific challenge. Owing to experience and proficiency of the enterprise specialists, process procedures meeting environmental and technical safety requirements and efficient use of resources have been developed and implemented.



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Within the framework of the “Partnership for Peace” international programme, an implementation agreement between the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and NATO on assistance in elimination of ammunition and antipersonnel mines was signed with NSPA (NATO Representation to Ukraine). Upon the signing of the Agreement, the Ministry of Defence, NATO and “Pavlograd Chemical Plant concluded a trilateral agreement on elimination of PFM and PFM-1s mines using production facilities of “Pavlograd Chemical Plant”.

On the occasion of execution of works on elimination of the first million of PFM-1 antipersonnel mines within the “Partnership for Peace” programme, on 23 November 2016 State Enterprise Research-Industrial Complex “Pavlograd Chemical Plant” holds an official ceremony with the participation of government officials from Ukraine, the EU, the Head of the NATO Representation to Ukraine, representatives of NATO member and partner countries, representatives of the media.