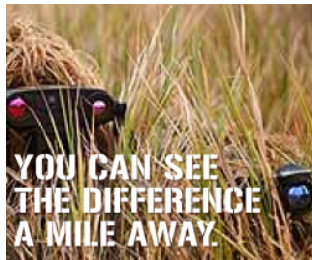


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MineWolf extends reach against IEDs

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MineWolf Systems from Switzerland (Hall 6, Stand D621) has established itself as a leading supplier of mine clearance systems, based on the MW370 MineWolf and MW240 Mini MineWolf vehicles that are in operation in numerous parts of the world. At Eurosatory, the company is showing two new additions to its range.

MineWolf has devised a new robotic arm attachment specifically for use against

IEDs.

The attachment has a powerful yet delicate grab that can lift suspect devices with a significant reach away from the vehicle. The arm can also be used to clear obstacles such as fallen trees.

The company has also introduced a new vehicle in the shape of the MW330 Medium MineWolf. This gives the protection necessary to survive blasts from heavy anti-tank mines, but is small and mobile enough to fit into a standard 40ft ISO container, in turn allowing it to be airtransportable by a C-130 Hercules. Like the other MineWolf vehicles, it can be fitted with a variety of attachments, such as a blade, bucket, sifter or forklift.



MineWolf's new robotic arm attachment is a useful tool in the IED clearance role, yet it is also powerful enough to lift heavy items such as trees