

## **9. MINE CLEARANCE MARKING SYSTEMS**

### **1. Marking pickets or posts**

Boundaries between all designated areas, lanes and points in clearance operations will be marked with wooden pickets, stones or posts. All pickets are to be minimum 0.5 meters above the ground.

- Red-topped pickets - These posts indicate the boundary between safe and unsafe areas. They are to be spaced at five-fifteen (5-15) meter intervals;
- White painted pickets - indicate all other safe boundaries;
- Blue-topped pickets - if used, indicate the location of a destroyed mine;
- UN Blue-topped pickets -These posts indicate the boundary between safe and unsafe areas during Battle Area Survey and Clearance. They are to be spaced at five-fifteen (5-15) meter intervals;
- Black-topped pickets - if used, show the location of the Mine Detecting Dog indication;
- Yellow-topped pickets - if used, indicate the start/finish of work on clearance lane.

### **2. Mine tape/rope**

Two 25-meter long mine marking tape are used to indicate the lane in which the mine clearance team is currently working. For example, if a deminer is working towards the area on his right, then at the end of each lane he is to roll up the tape on his left in the cleared area.

### **3. Mine marking signs**

Red and white mine marking signs are used to mark contaminated or suspected areas or a point, where a mine/UXO is located. Mine signs are to be spaced at fifty (50) meter intervals with the written side facing the cleared/safe area, and the white or blank side facing the uncleared/dangerous area.

*Note:* All clearance operations must be clearly marked to ensure that there is no confusion between cleared and contaminated areas. Under no circumstances personnel must enter an uncleared area. Supervisors will ensure that marking is checked before the start of each day to ensure that all areas are clearly identified.

### **4. Base sticks**

Base Sticks are 1.2-meter straight wooden rods, painted red at each end (10cm) and white over the center portion. A base stick is used during work by deminers to mark the boundary between cleared and uncleared area, and also to act as a guide during detection process. The rule is that the area behind stick is cleared and in front of the stick is uncleared.

The middle 1-meter part of the stick marks the correct lane width. The red ends (10cm each) serve as safety margins.