

## Statement

### **LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AT FONDATION SUISSE DE DÉMINAGE (FSD)**

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**The Foundation Board of Fondation suisse de déminage (FSD) announces the appointment of Matt Wilson as CEO, effective 1 January 2027. He will succeed co-founder Hansjörg Eberle, who will retire at the end of December 2026 after nearly 30 years of leadership. This transition will ensure continuity in FSD's humanitarian mission and its work alongside communities affected by mines and explosive remnants of war.**

Hansjörg co-founded FSD in 1997. Since then, he has led its development from its first operations in the Balkans to an international humanitarian organisation active on four continents, supporting conflict-affected communities and helping protect them from explosive hazards.

“Hansjörg brought vision and determination to the creation of FSD and has shown remarkable dedication to its humanitarian mission over nearly three decades. On behalf of the Foundation Board, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for his passion, unwavering commitment and everything he has contributed,” said Nawal Aït-Hocine, President of FSD's Foundation Board. “Matt brings the experience, judgement and understanding of FSD needed to lead the organisation forward. He has the Board's full confidence as he takes on this role.”

“It has been a privilege to see FSD grow and evolve over the years, and to work alongside so many committed colleagues around the world,” said Hansjörg Eberle. “I am particularly proud of what our teams have achieved and of the difference their work continues to make for communities affected by conflict every day. I am pleased to hand over to Matt and confident that FSD is in very good hands.”

Matt Wilson, currently FSD's Chief Operating Officer (COO), will take over as CEO on 1 January 2027. Having overseen FSD's operations for nearly 15 years, Matt brings extensive experience in humanitarian mine action and a deep knowledge of the organisation, its teams and the contexts in which it operates.

“I am honoured to take on this responsibility and am grateful for the trust placed in me by Hansjörg and the Foundation Board,” said Matt Wilson. “My years overseeing FSD's operations have given me a unique opportunity to work with our teams and see first-hand the commitment behind our work. As CEO, I look forward to continuing the stewardship of FSD, preserving the values and strengthening the organisation that Hansjörg has built and working with our colleagues, partners and donors to make a difference for people living with the consequences of mines and other explosive ordnance.”

Hansjörg and Matt will work closely together in the months ahead to ensure a smooth transition before the formal handover on 1 January 2027.

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