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## **MANAGEMENT OF OBSOLETE PESTICIDE CLEANUP IN ROMANIA**

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### **Abstract**

Romania does not have sufficient capacity to destruct and/or neutralize obsolete pesticides, but with the funding from the EU Phare program, and co-funding from the Romanian Government, it was possible to clean up a large number of sites and transport the obsolete pesticides to Germany for destruction.

The Pesticide Disposal Program – phase I - in Romania operated over the period December 2004 – December 2005 and involved 1,735 tones of obsolete pesticides spread over 114 locations in Romania. A phase II was agreed in November 2005, and is currently under implementation where a supplementary amount of 747 tons will be collected from 127 sites.

The Romanian Pesticides Disposal Program is one of the largest cleanup projects of its kind in Europe to date, based on a professional FIDIC Contract Framework and high-quality implementation routines. A new strategy for obsolete pesticides prevention through agreements with the Industry is also in preparation.

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