

CANADA'S AMBASSADOR TO ALBANIA VISIT ULP MJEKES

Ambassador Alexander Himelfarb, Canada's newly appointed Ambassador to Italy and the Republic of Albania, recently visited Albania to present his credentials to the President of Albania. On 1 November 2006, Ambassador Himelfarb took the time to visit the Explosive Factory ULP Mjekës, located near Elbasan, where NAMSA is executing a Canada-led NATO Partnership for Peace Trust Fund Project to demilitarize Small Arms and Light Weapons Ammunition. He was accompanied by the Canadian Defence Attaché Colonel Antony Wojcik. The Ambassador received a full briefing from the NAMSA Project Team on the project and the demilitarization capability being developed at ULP Mjekës, a tour of the facility and some hands-on experience in feeding ammunition in the Explosive Waste Incinerator. The visit would not have been complete without sampling the local delicacies at a lunch hosted by ULP Mjekës. The Ambassador was delighted by what he described as a "fascinating tour of the demilitarization facility". He concluded that he was supportive of the project.



From left to right, Luan Duzha, ULP Mjekës Director, Colonel Antony Wojcik, Canadian Defence Attaché, Ambassador Himelfarb, Rodrigue Boulay, Albania II Technical Assistant, Arben Kotobelli, Albania II Project Supervisor, Stavri Cipa, ULP Mjekës



From left to right, Arben Kotobelli, Albania II Project Supervisor, Ambassador Himelfarb, an EWI operator