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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-21]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 08-21 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 26, 2007.

L.M. Bynum,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800**

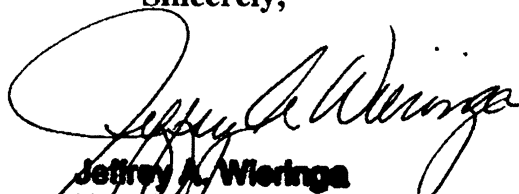
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**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 08-21, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$147 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,


**Jeffrey A. Wieringa
Vice Admiral, USN
Director**

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

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House

**Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Senate

**Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Transmittal No. 08-21

**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** United Kingdom
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 0 million
Other	<u>\$147 million</u>
TOTAL	\$147 million
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 170 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Category II vehicles, tools and test equipment, maintenance support, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (LTR)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS Case LTQ - \$97M - 31Jul06
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** DEC 17 2007

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom – Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of 170 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Category II vehicles, tools and test equipment, maintenance support, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$147 million.

The United Kingdom is a major political and economic power in NATO and the Atlantic and a key democratic partner of the U.S. in ensuring peace and stability in this region and around the world.

The United Kingdom requests these capabilities to provide for the defense of its deployed troops, regional security, and interoperability with the United States. This program will ensure the United Kingdom can effectively operate in hazardous areas in a safe, survivable vehicle, and enhance the United Kingdom's interoperability with U.S. forces. The United Kingdom is a staunch supporter of the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terror. The United Kingdom's troops are deployed in support of IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, where U.S. assets currently provide this proposed capability. By acquiring this capability, the United Kingdom will be able to provide the same level of protection for its own forces and those of the United States.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these vehicles into its armed forces.

The principal contractor will be: Force Protection Industries, Inc., of Ladson, South Carolina. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The proposed sale requires the continued support of seven Field Service Representatives (FSR), currently providing in theater maintenance support for the existing Mastiff vehicles, for the additional vehicles for a period of one year.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Category II vehicle is an armored, multi-purpose combat vehicle intended to support Explosive Ordnance Disposal and mounted urban operations to include convoy security support and dismounted patrols. It is designed to increase crew survivability. The vehicle has a blast-resistant underbody designed to protect the crew from mine blasts, fragmentation, and direct fire weapons.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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