

**d. The use of the Advanced Gas Turbine-1500 (AGT-1500) Gas Turbine Propulsion System in the M1A1M is a unique application of armored vehicle power pack technology. The hardware is composed of the AGT-1500 engine and transmission, and is Unclassified. Manufacturing processes associated with the production of turbine blades, recuperator, bearings and shafts, and hydrostatic pump and motor, are proprietary and therefore commercially competition sensitive.**

**e. A major survivability feature of the Abrams Tank is the compartmentalization of fuel and ammunition. Compartmentalization is the positive separation of the crew and critical components from combustible materials. In the event the fuel or ammunition is ignited or deteriorated by an incoming threat round, the crew is fully protected by the compartmentalization. Sensitive information includes the performance of the ammunition compartments as well as of the compartment design parameters.**

**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 or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal Nos. 09-09]

**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, Transmittals 09-09 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

Dated: December 16, 2008.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,*  
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DEC 09 2008

**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. 09-09, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Iraq for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$366 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,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Wieringa".

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

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)**

**Same ltr to:**

**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. 09-09**

**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:** Iraq
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 309 million       |
| Other                    | \$ <u>57 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$ 366 million       |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 26 Bell Armed 407 Helicopters, 26 Rolls Royce 250-C-30 Engines, 26 M280 2.75-inch Launchers, 26 XM296 .50 Cal. Machine Guns with 500 Round Ammunition Box, 26 M299 HELLFIRE Guided Missile Launchers, test measurement and diagnostics equipment, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (VDN)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS case VPN-\$402M-24Oct08
- (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 attached annex.
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** DEC 09 2008

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Iraq – Helicopters and Related Munitions**

The Government of Iraq has requested a possible sale of 26 Bell Armed 407 Helicopters, 26 Rolls Royce 250-C-30 Engines, 26 M280 2.75-inch Launchers, 26 XM296 .50 Cal. Machine Guns with 500 Round Ammunition Box, 26 M299 HELLFIRE Guided Missile Launchers, test measurement and diagnostics equipment, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$366 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country. This proposed sale directly supports the Iraqi government and serves the interests of the Iraqi people and the U.S.

The proposed sale of these helicopters and related munitions will be used to develop new Iraqi Air Force (IAF) squadrons and/or wings, and to enhance the ability of the IAF to sustain itself in its efforts to bring stability to Iraq.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors unknown at this time; however, acquisition is subject to FAR and DFARS domestic sourcing requirements. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

With the volume and wide range of items and equipment in this proposed sale, levels of U.S. Government and Contractor technical assistance will be required but cannot be fully defined at this time.

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

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