

Closure and Realignment Commission, 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3920. The Commission requests that public comments be directed toward matters bearing on the decision criteria described in *The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990*, as amended, available on the Commission Web site. Sections 2912 through 2914 of that Act describe the criteria and many of the essential elements of the 2005 BRAC process. For questions regarding this announcement, contact Mr. Dan Cowhig, Deputy General Counsel and Designated Federal Officer, at the Commission's mailing address or by telephone at 703-699-2950 or 2708.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of June 7, 2005, in FR Doc. 05-11239, on page 33129, in the first column, correct the **SUMMARY** caption to read:

SUMMARY: The delegation will now meet on the same date in the same location from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to receive comment from Federal, State and local government representatives and the general public on base realignment and closure actions in Minnesota and North Dakota that have been recommended by the Department of Defense (DoD).

Dated: June 6, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

Administrative Support Officer.

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DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

Notice of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission—Change to the Agenda of a Previously Announced Open Meeting (Charlotte, NC); Correction

AGENCY: Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission published a document in the **Federal Register** of June 7, 2005, concerning receiving comments from Federal, State and local government representatives and the general public on base realignment and closure actions in North Carolina and South Carolina that have been recommended by the Department of Defense (DoD). The agenda for this meeting has changed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please see the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Web site, <http://www.brac.gov>. The Commission invites the public to provide direct comment by sending an electronic message through the portal provided on the Commission's Web site or by mailing comments and supporting documents to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3920. The Commission requests that public comments be directed toward matters bearing on the decision criteria described in *The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990*, as amended, available on the Commission website. Sections 2912 through 2914 of that Act describe the criteria and many of the essential elements of the 2005 BRAC process. For questions regarding this announcement, contact Mr. Dan Cowhig, Deputy General Counsel and Designated Federal Officer, at the Commission's mailing address or by telephone at 703-699-2950 or 2708.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of June 7, 2005, in FR Doc. 05-11233, on page 33126, in the second column, correct the **SUMMARY** caption to read:

SUMMARY: The delegation will meet to receive comments from Federal, State

and local government representatives and the general public on base realignment and closure actions in North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia that have been recommended by the Department of Defense (DoD). The agenda for this meeting has changed.

Dated: June 6, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

Administrative Support Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05-22]

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. J. Hurd, DSCA/OPS-ADMIN, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05-22 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 3, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

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Department of Defense.*

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

27 May 2005

In reply refer to:
I-05/005063

**The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501**

Dear Mr. 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. 05-22 concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$315 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard J. Millies", is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director**

Enclosures:

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

Transmittal No. 05-22

**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:** Australia
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$275 million |
| Other | \$ <u>40 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$315 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** up to 175 SM-2 Block IIIA Standard missiles, up to 30 Telemetry missiles, up to 2 SM-2 Block IIIA Inert Operational missiles, canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (LCY)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** numerous FMS cases pertaining to the SM-1 Standard missiles
- (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:** 27 May 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia - SM-2 Block IIIA Standard Missiles

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of up to 175 SM-2 Block IIIA Standard missiles, up to 30 Telemetry missiles, up to 2 SM-2 Block IIIA Inert Operational missiles, canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$315 million.

Australia is an important ally in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power significantly contributes to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in modernizing its surface combatant fleet so as to maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability and contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This procurement also aids in maintaining the U.S. Navy (USN) production base and will improve interoperability between RAN and USN forces. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives, and facilitates burden sharing with our allies.

The proposed sale will provide Australia continued anti-aircraft defense capabilities for its Navy. The RAN intends to use the SM-2 missiles on its destroyer class surface ships for self-defense against air and cruise missile threats. Australia, which already has SM-1 Standard missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these SM-2 Standard missiles.

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

The principle contractors will be: Raytheon Systems Company of Tucson, Arizona and General Dynamics, Scottsdale, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Australia.

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

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**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The SM-2 Block IIIA Standard missile is a U.S. Navy surface-launched guided missile and is classified Confidential. It is operationally deployed on cruisers, destroyers, and frigates for use against air and surface threats (aircraft, missiles, and ships). The guidance system employs a continuous-wave or interrupted continuous wave radar link for homing to the target. Steering and roll commands from the adaptive auto pilot system provide flight stability via four aft-mounted control surfaces. Propulsion is provided by a solid propellant, dual thrust rocket motor, which is an integral part of the missile airframe. The target-detecting device uses dual radar systems to optimize warhead lethality against a spectrum of target sizes and speeds. The telemeter unit transmits missile performance data to ground stations to be analyzed for accuracy of missile/target scenario. Certain operation frequencies and performance characteristics are classified Secret.

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 No. 05-13]

**36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification;
Correction**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA).

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: DSCA published a document in the *Federal Register* of June 1, 2005, concerning the sale of defense articles and services to Australia. The package contained the wrong cover letter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Murphy, 703-604-6576.

Correction

In the *Federal Register* of June 1, 2005, in FR Doc 05-10829, page 31429,

notification package containing the wrong cover letter and should be replaced with this correction.

Dated: June 3, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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