

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 00-67]

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

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**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 P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 00-67 with actual transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

**6 SEP 2000****In reply refer to:****I-00/008887**

**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, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 00-67, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$73 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tome Walters, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

**TOME H. WALTERS, JR.  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF  
DIRECTOR**

**Attachments**

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
House Committee on National Security  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
House Committee on Appropriations**

**Transmittal No. 00-67****Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Egypt
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$ 42 million  
Other \$ 31 million  
TOTAL \$ 73 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** Co-production of 13 M88A2 heavy recovery vehicle kits, 13 M2 machine guns, spare and repair parts, contractor technical support, support and test equipment, publications, program management, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics services and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (NFQ and UTQ)
- (v) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vi) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 6 SEP 2000

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

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**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Egypt - Co-production of M88A2 Recovery Vehicle Kits**

The Government of Egypt (GOE) has requested a possible sale for co-production of 13 M88A2 heavy recovery vehicle kits, 13 M2 machine guns, spare and repair parts, contractor technical support, support and test equipment, publications, program management, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$73 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Middle East.

The proposed co-production program with United Defense and the GOE for the M88A2 heavy recovery vehicles will support the M1A1 tanks in their inventory. The vehicles will be used for towing, wrecking, and hoisting operations supporting recovery operations and evacuation of heavy tanks and other tracked combat vehicles.

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

The prime contractor will be United Defense, Limited Partnership of York, Pennsylvania. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of four U.S. Government and 22 contractor representatives for two years to Egypt.

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. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

**1. The M88A2 recovery vehicles includes the following classified or sensitive components:**

**a. AVDS-1790-8CR Engine Propulsion System - an unique modification to the standard piston engine family found in the M60 series and the base M88A1. Manufacturing processes associated with the production of turbochargers, fuel injection system, and cylinders are proprietary, and therefore, commercially competition sensitive.**

**b. Hydraulic System - use of commercially available hydraulic components is not entirely unique in the armored vehicle world. None of the subcomponents of the system are classified. Manufacturing processes associated with winches, hydraulic motors, control valves, and the like are proprietary and therefore, commercially competition sensitive.**

**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.**

**3. A determination has been made that Egypt can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.**

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