

Transmittal No. 03-04

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

**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The RGM-84L Harpoon Block II missile contains sensitive technology and has the following classified components, including applicable technical, equipment, documentation and manuals:

- a. Radar seeker
- b. Missile characteristics and performance data
- c. Global Positioning System (GPS) standard positioning service improves mid-course guidance to the target area

2. The RGM-84L Harpoon missile is a ship-launched, anti-ship, 75nm range, sea skimming, "fire and forget" missile with auto-pilot navigation and multiple waypoint capability. Harpoon Block I terminal guidance is provided by a radar seeker with a selectable attack profile. The Harpoon Block II upgrade incorporates software and hardware changes that will add an improved Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW) capability against ships in the open ocean and in the littoral. Harpoon Block II hardware improvements includes a new Guidance Control Unit (GCU) that uses GPS aided inertial navigation. This will improve the missile's overall navigation accuracy. GPS accuracy will also give Harpoon Block II an inherent secondary role against land-based targets, making Block II useful in coastal target suppression roles. Harpoon Block II software improvements include changes to the launching system that will provide the operator with the ability to superimpose a geographic coastline on the mission-planning screen. This will allow the user to shape the search pattern of the Harpoon seeker in ASUW mode, enhancing its performance in littoral areas. The information on the Harpoon is classified Confidential.

3. 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.

4. A determination has been made that Australia 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 03-05]

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/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Transmittal 03-05 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

11 OCT 2002
In reply refer to:
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**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 (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-05, concerning the Defense Information Systems Agency's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$550 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 Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

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of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** NATO Consultation, Command, and Control Agency
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million |
| Other | <u>\$550 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$550 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** Satellite communication services and support for Extremely High Frequency (EHF) service on the United States Advanced EHF (AEHF) systems, AEHF follow-on support for meeting future satellite communication requirements, control of service-provisioned resources on AEHF and applicable follow-on systems, communications infrastructure upgrade and maintenance support, operation and logistics support including training, publications and documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related requirements.
- (iv) **Military Department:** DISA (GEH)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (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:** none
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 11 OCT 2002

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency – Satellite Communication Services and Support

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Consultation, Command, and Control Agency (NATO NC3A) has requested a possible sale of satellite communication services and support for Extremely High Frequency (EHF) service on the United States Advanced EHF (AEHF) systems, AEHF follow-on support for meeting future satellite communication requirements, control of service-provisioned resources on AEHF and applicable follow-on systems, communications infrastructure upgrade and maintenance support, operation and logistics support including training, publications and documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related requirements. The estimated cost is \$550 million.

This proposed sale is in support of a competition which is limited to bids from member nations that participate in NATO. NATO remains the fundamental component of U.S. national security in the North Atlantic and European regions. By providing satellite communication services, the U.S. ensures interoperability with our own capabilities and those of our NATO allies and maintains a direct influence on NATO's communications architecture.

NATO currently has a satellite communications system that is used in support of NATO military operations and to provide communications for political consultations. This proposed sale would obtain a protected satellite communications capability and augment their satellite communications system. NATO has been operating a satellite communications system since the early 1970's.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. The NATO bid is opened only to NATO member nations. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 10 U.S. Government and 15 contractor representatives, throughout NATO's area of operations, for 11 years.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 03-06]

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/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Transmittal 03-06 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 15, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternative OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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