POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia – Contractor, Technical Services, and Logistics Support

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale for the continuation of support for F-5, F-15, RF-5, E-3, RE-3, KE-3, and C-130, aircraft; F-100-PW-220/229, J-85, T-56, and CFM-56 aircraft engines; and A/TGM-65 AIM-7 and AIM-9 missiles which have already been delivered to and are being operated by Saudi Arabia; contractor services; maintenance; spare and repair parts; support and test equipment; goggles; communication support; precision measuring equipment; personnel training; training equipment; technical support; and contractor engineering; and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is $760 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The missile support on this proposed sale is only for repair or maintenance of missiles already delivered to and being operated by Saudi Arabia. They need this maintenance support in order to ensure the combat and operational readiness of U.S.-origin military equipment. The Royal Saudi Air Force will use these support services for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of all their aircraft.

These contractor maintenance and training technical services will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

Many contractors provide organizational and intermediate level maintenance and training services to Saudi. 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 Saudi Arabia.

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. 06–05]

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/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06–05 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: October 31, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

3 OCT 2005
In reply refer to:
I-05/004717

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. 06-05, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $918 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY B. KOHLER
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

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

Transmittal No. 06-05

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:** Saudi Arabia

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$716 million
Other	$202 million
TOTAL	$918 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** for the continuation of the United States supported effort to modernize the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG) by providing Major Defense Equipment (MDE) and non-MDE items:

See Policy Justification for a complete list of items.

(iv) **Military Department:** Army (ZAC, Amendment 33)

(v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** numerous cases dating back to 1973.

(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:** 3 OCT 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia - Continued Assistance in the Modernization of the SANG

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale for the continuation of the United States supported effort to modernize the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG) by providing Major Defense Equipment (MDE) and non-MDE items:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE)

144 Armored Personnel Carriers Vehicles
12 Water Cannons Vehicles
52 Command and Control Vehicles
17 Ambulance and Evacuation Vehicles
36 Platoon Command Vehicles
55,500 40mm Ammunition
3,600 F-2000 5.56mm Assault Rifles with 40mm Grenade Launchers
51,400 F-2000 5.56mm Assault Rifles without 40mm Grenade Launchers
198 AN/VRC-90E SINCGARS Vehicular Single Long-Range Radio Systems

SANG has invited General Dynamics Land Systems, Australian Defense Industries, Steyr-Puch Pinzgauer (a subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation), and BAE (Alvis) to present candidate systems, for the vehicles listed above, to the SANG for testing evaluation in Saudi Arabia. It is expected that the SANG source selection will be based on the results of this test and evaluation process.

Non-MDE Vehicles

104 ¼-ton trucks
6 pick-up trucks
16 patrol trucks
48 10-ton trucks
12 5-ton trucks w/winch
63 5-ton trucks
6 refrigeration trucks
16 11,000-gallon fuel tankers
8 9,000-gallon water tankers
8 16,500-gallon water tankers
6 executive automobiles
8 26-passenger buses
24 60-passenger buses
6 tire demounter trucks
9 25-ton wreckers
6 mobile workshop trucks
6 mobile lubrication trucks
4 5-ton dump trucks
11 mobile command trucks

Note: All U. S. standard commercial/non-tactical vehicles or other commercial equivalents.

Non-MDE

172 Harris Corporation RF-5000v 125W High Frequency (HF) or Current Production Version Commercial HF Radios
180 M24 7.62 Sniper Weapon System (scope is integrated) or commercial equivalent
265 Motorola Commercial Very HF Single or Multi-Channel Handheld Radios or other commercial equivalents
323 12 Gauge Shotguns or commercial equivalent
Ballistic Protection
Batons
Battery Chargers
Contractor engineering and technical support
Generators
Personnel training
Protective Clothing and Equipment
Publications
Shop Equipment
Spare and repair parts
Sets, Kits, and Outfits (assemblages of components in a container (pouch, box, chest, van, trailer, or shelter) primarily designed to accomplish a specific mission)
Sights and Scopes (the scope is for the M24 Sniper Weapon System which is an integral component of the weapon system)
Standard simulations and training systems to include: Multiple Integrated Laser Emitting System, Engagement Skills Trainer for marksmanship training, and the Battle Staff Automated Training System
Support Equipment to include Mobile Workshops
Training devices
Training equipment
Other related elements of program support

The estimated cost is $918 million.

The proposed sale coupled with the training, assistance, and advice provided by the U.S. Government through the Office of the Program Manager SANG will serve to make a key regional ally and partner in the Global War on Terror more capable of defeating those who would threaten regional stability and less reliant on the deployment of U.S. combat forces to maintain or restore stability in the Middle East.

The SANG needs these defense articles so that it can effectively conduct security and counter-terrorism operations. The continuation of services under the SANG Modernization Program is an evolution of the SANG as an effective defensive force with the advice, assistance, and training of the U.S. Army. The Modernization Program ensures necessary training, logistics, support, doctrine development and force integration for the continuing expansion and use of their weapon systems. These services will remain the cornerstone of an effort to upgrade and enhance the infrastructure of the SANG organization.

The proposed sale will also provide SANG with additional command, control, and communications equipment needed to operate in a secure communications environment that will facilitate the performance of its mission within Saudi Arabia. It is consistent with the National Command Authority's intent for stability in the Central Command Area of Operation. The radios will modernize equipment and provide the critical VHF and HF links necessary for a large fast moving force and integration with the SINCGAR radios SANG already has fielded in its Light Armored Vehicle and Light Infantry Brigades.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. Saudi Arabia is capable of absorbing and maintaining this additional MDE equipment in its inventory.

The principle contractors will be:

Fabrique Nationale Herstal, USA	**McLean, Virginia**
ITT Aerospace/Communications	**Fort Wayne, Indiana**
Harris Corporation	**Rochester, New York**
Motorola Corporation	**Schaumburg, Illinois**

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

At present, there are approximately 219 U.S. Government personnel and 541 contractor representatives in country supporting the SANG modernization program.

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. 06–04]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

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Dated: October 31, 2005.

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OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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