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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 03-27]

**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 03-27 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 5, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800


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In reply refer to:  
I-03/009071

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. 03-27, 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 \$54 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

  
Richard J. Millies  
Deputy 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

**Transmittal No. 03-27****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:** Egypt
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million        |
| Other                    | <u>\$54 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$54 million        |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 10,040 non-standard rounds of commercial 120mm Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot-Tracer (APFSDS-T) Kinetic Energy Tungsten Advanced cartridges, fire control solution, and program management.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (UWB)
- (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:** see Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 3SEP03

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Egypt – 120mm Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot-Tracer Kinetic Energy Tungsten Advanced Cartridges**

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 10,040 non-standard rounds of commercial 120mm Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot-Tracer (APFSDS-T) Kinetic Energy Tungsten Advanced cartridges, fire control solution, and program management. The estimated cost is \$54 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 the Middle East.

This proposed sale would provide Egypt with additional combat ammunition to support its M1A1 Abrams Tank fleet. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these cartridges into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems of St. Petersburg, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives 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. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

**1. The commercial of 120mm Armor Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot-Tracer (APFSDS-T) Kinetic Energy Tungsten Advanced cartridges components are Unclassified. The capabilities of these cartridges, to include the terminal effects, target impact dispersion, and armor defeating capabilities, are classified Confidential, except for armor penetration test results against Special Armored Targets, which are classified Secret or the same level of classification as the target, whichever is greater. The tungsten processing and penetrator manufacturing methods are sensitive data. No technological information regarding the tungsten penetrator material will be supplied with the cartridges being considered for foreign military sales. Overall degree of sensitivity is high. This is a commercially developed item and is not warranted by the U.S. Government.**

**2. 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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