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Egypt – Skyguard AMOUN Solid-State Transmitters

WASHINGTON, July 2, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress July 1 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt for 40 Skyguard AMOUN Solid-State Transmitters to support the upgrade of the Skyguard-SPARROW Launcher/Illuminator System and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$77 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 40 Skyguard AMOUN Solid-State Transmitters to support the upgrade of the Skyguard-SPARROW Launcher/Illuminator System. Also included are spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documents, and U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$77 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 sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1950 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

The Egyptian Navy intends to purchase this equipment to improve the reliability and maintainability of the Skyguard air defense system. Egypt's current transmitters are over 30 years old, obsolete, or non-functional. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these transmitters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Egypt. An onsite Contractor Engineering Technical Assistant will provide in-country support for a period of one year for training and equipment checkout.

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

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.