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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-84]

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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-84 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
2800 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800**

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**In reply refer to:
USP008764-08**

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

Dear Madam 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. 08-84, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$176 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Wieringa".

**Jeffrey A. Wieringa
Vice Admiral, USN
Director**

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

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House

**Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Senate

**Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Service
Committee on Appropriations**

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**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:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$141 million |
| Other | \$ <u>35 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$176 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 4 UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters with 8 T-700-GE-701D engines, 1 spare T-700-GE-701D engine, 4 AN/APR-39A(V)2 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, 4 AN/ALQ-144A(V)1 Infrared Countermeasure Sets, 4 AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning Systems, 4 AN/AVR-2A Laser Warning Sets, and 4 Improved Hover Infrared Suppression Systems. Also included: SAFIRE/II/HD Forward Looking Infrared, M130 Flare and Chaff Dispensers, and AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser Systems, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (VAT)
- (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:** SEP 08 2008

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Egypt – UH-60M BLACK HAWK Helicopters

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 4 UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopters with 8 T-700-GE-701D engines, 1 spare T-700-GE-701D engine, 4 AN/APR-39A(V)2 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, 4 AN/ALQ-144A(V)1 Infrared Countermeasure Sets, 4 AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS), 4 AN/AVR-2A Laser Warning Sets, and 4 Improved Hover Infrared Suppression Systems (IHIRSS). Also included: SAFIRE/II/HD Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR), M130 Flare and Chaff Dispensers, and AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser Systems (CMDs), spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$176 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.

Egypt needs these helicopters to support a newly established military Search and Rescue Operations Center and to assist with border security missions. The helicopters will be used to perform search and rescue, surveillance, observation missions, and to modernize Egypt's existing aircraft inventory. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing these additional aircraft into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be: Sikorsky Aircraft (United Technologies) Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut, Schweizer Aircraft Company of Horseheads, New York, and General Electric Aircraft Company of Lynn, 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 any additional U. S. Government or contractor personnel in Egypt.

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

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**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopter contains communications and identification equipment, navigation equipment, aircraft survivability equipment, displays and sensors. The airframe itself does not contain sensitive technology. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation, and maintenance of the BLACK HAWK helicopter is Unclassified. The highest level that could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Secret.

2. The UH-60M BLACK HAWK helicopter will include the following equipment listed below, either installed on the aircraft or included in the sale:

a. AN/ALQ-144A(V)1 Infrared Countermeasure Set is an active, continuously operating, omni-directional, electrically fired infrared (IR) jamming system designed to confuse or decoy threat IR missile systems, in conjunction with low reflective paint and engine suppressors. The hardware is classified Confidential and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Secret.

b. AN/APR-39A(V)2 Radar Signal Detecting Set is a system which provides warning of a radar directed air defense threat to allow appropriate countermeasures. The hardware is classified Confidential when programmed with U.S. threat data; releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Confidential; and releasable technical data (technical performance) is classified Secret. The system can be programmed with threat data provided by the purchasing country.

c. AN/AVR-2A Laser Detecting Set detects, prioritizes in order of lethality and characterizes threats. With clear audible and visual warnings on the display the crew knows it's been targeted, what are coming first and which direction the threat is coming from. The hardware is classified Confidential and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Secret.

d. AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System is a passive laser warning system that receives, processes, and displays threat information resulting from aircraft illumination by lasers on the multi-functional display. The hardware is classified Confidential, and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are classified Secret. Reverse engineering is not a major concern.

e. The AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispensing System is an integrated, reprogrammable, computer-controlled system to dispense expendables/decoys to enhance aircraft survivability. The system is designed to employ countermeasures according to a program developed and implemented by the aircrew. This is an upgraded version of the ALE-40, ALE-39 and M-130 systems. The hardware and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are Unclassified.

f. The M130 Flare and Chaff Dispenser dispenses objects to confuse threat radar devices. Radar cross section and frequency coverage are sensitive elements. The hardware and releasable technical manuals for operation and maintenance are Unclassified. Aircraft optimization is the critical element, and reverse engineering is not a major concern.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software in this proposed sale, 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.

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