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Dated: November 22, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 06-15]

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 06-15 with
attached transmittal and policy
justification.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

17 NOV 2005

In reply refer to:

I-05/011623

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. 06-15, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$175 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

Same ltr to:

House

Committee on International Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 06-15

**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:** Kuwait
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million |
| Other | <u>\$175 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$175 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 12 MKV-C Fast Interceptor Boats including installed Hull, Mechanical and Electrical systems, 12 RWM GMBH MLG-27mm Mauser Lightweight Gun Systems, communications, technical ground support equipment, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (SAY)
- (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:** 17 NOV 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kuwait – Mark V Special Operations Boats

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of 12 MKV-C Fast Interceptor Boats including installed Hull, Mechanical and Electrical systems, 12 RWM GMBH MLG-27mm Mauser Lightweight Gun Systems, communications, technical ground support equipment, spare and repair parts, supply support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$175 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.

The Kuwaiti Navy does not have a modern, high speed, intruder interceptor boat capable of providing defensive protection for Kuwaiti territorial waters. The territorial waters extend from Khor Shitiyanah at the extreme north along Warba Island south to Umm Al-Maradem Island near its border with Saudi Arabia. Included are all Kuwaiti waters along the Khor Abdullah waterway and around Failaka Island in the North Arabian Gulf, the approaches to the Al-Kuwait Bay and Ash Shuaibah Prot in central Kuwait, and the approaches to Mohamad Al-Ahmed (Kuwait) Naval Base south to the northern territorial limit of Saudi Arabia. This area includes numerous islands and offshore oil pumping and loading facilities. The proposed sale will provide the Kuwaiti Navy the ability to defend these waters and the key facilities that are located in the area.

The MKV Fast Interceptor Boat is a design to specification high speed (40+ kts), 10.6 meter patrol boat similar to those used by U.S. Navy SEALs. Its hull design is based on an existing MKV design manufactured by one of the prospective prime contractors, VT Halter Marine of Gulfport Mississippi.

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

The prime contractor will be either: VT Halter-Marine of Gulfport, Mississippi or U.S. Marine of New Orleans, Louisiana. 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 Kuwait.

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