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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**[Transmittal Nos. 08-68]**

**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 08-68 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

June 23, 2008.

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

JUN 17 2008  
In reply refer to:  
USP007479-08

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. 08-68, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Canada for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$114 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

Same ltr to:

House  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations

Senate  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
Committee on Armed Services  
Committee on Appropriations

**Transmittal No. 08-68****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:** Canada
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$112 million        |
| Other                    | \$ <u>2 million</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$114 million</b> |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 37 M777 155MM Light-Weight Towed Howitzers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (LIL)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**  
FMS Case LHV-\$17M-28Oct05  
FMS Case LIA-\$18M-17Oct06
- (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:** JUN 17 2008

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Canada – M777 155mm Light-Weight Towed Howitzers**

**The Government of Canada has requested a possible sale of 37 M777 155MM Light-Weight Towed Howitzers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' technical assistance, engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$114 million.**

**This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Canada and the Canadian military's interoperability with U.S. forces. Canadian deployments in support of peacekeeping and humanitarian operations have enhanced global political and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests.**

**This proposed sale would greatly contribute to Canada's military capability by making it a more sustainable coalition force to support the Global War on Terror. Canada currently operates the M777 lightweight howitzers and will use these new howitzers to protect its deployed troops, and give them the ability to operate in hazardous conditions. Canada will have no difficulty absorbing the howitzers into its armed forces.**

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

**The prime contractors will be: BAE Land Systems in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Howmet Castings, Alcoa Business in Whitehall, Michigan. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.**

**The proposed sale requires engineering technical support for approximately two U.S. government representatives and five contractor representatives for one year.**

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