## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

# Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 10-22]

### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice. **SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification 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, Transmittal No. 10–22 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: May 24, 2010.

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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. 10-22, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$122 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,

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Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal
- 2. Policy Justification

Transmittal No. 10-22

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) <u>Prospective Purchaser</u>: United Kingdom

(ii)	Total Estimated Value:	
	Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 55 million
	Other	<b>\$</b> 67 million
	TOTAL	\$122 million

- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 102 Mastiff/Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Cougar Category II 6X6 modified vehicles, tools and test equipment, maintenance support, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (LUC)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: FMS Case LTQ-\$97M-31Jul06 FMS Case LTR-\$99M-18Jan08 FMS Case LTS-\$102M-25Apr08 FMS Case LTW-\$34M-16Jul08 FMS Case LUA-\$27M-4Jan10
- (vi) Sales Commission. Fee, etc., Paid. Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vii) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services</u> <u>Proposed to be Sold</u>: None
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 19 May 2010
- \* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

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#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

### United Kingdom - Mastiff/Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of 102 Mastiff/MRAP Cougar Category II 6X6 modified vehicles, tools and test equipment, maintenance support, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$122 million.

The United Kingdom is a major political and economic power in NATO and a key democratic partner of the U.S. in ensuring peace and stability in this region and around the world.

The United Kingdom requests these capabilities to provide for the safety of its deployed troops in support of overseas contingency operations. This program will ensure the United Kingdom can effectively operate in hazardous areas in a safe, survivable vehicle, and enhance the United Kingdom's interoperability with U.S. forces. The United Kingdom is a staunch supporter of the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan. The United Kingdom's troops are deployed in Afghanistan, where United Kingdom and U.S. forces are currently utilizing Cougar Based MRAP vehicles. By acquiring these additional MRAP vehicles, the United Kingdom will be able to provide the same level of protection for its own forces as that provided by the United States for its forces. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these vehicles into its Armed Forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Force Protection Industries, Inc., of Ladson, South Carolina. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The continued support of nine Field Service Representatives, currently providing in-theater maintenance support for the existing Mastiff vehicles until July 2010, will be extended until the UK can provide this support internally.

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