

support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated additional non-MDE cost is \$200 million, increasing the total program value to \$451 million.

(iv) *Significance*: This notification is being provided for an additional 3.5 years of training for the PEACE CARVIN II detachment at Luke Air Force Base, AZ. Continued training will maintain the decades-long U.S.-Singapore partnership. By maintaining this relationship, the U.S. ensures it will have a well-trained and more interoperable partner to contribute to regional stability in Southeast Asia. Additionally, Singapore will have the ability to deploy to other regions to support U.S. and Singapore goals as they have demonstrated numerous times with other aircraft deployments in support of coalition operations.

(v) *Justification*: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a

friendly country that is an important force for economic progress in Southeast Asia. The continuation of this training program will enable Singapore to develop mission-ready and experienced F-16 pilots and enhance operational interoperability with U.S. forces.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology*: The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: February 11, 2020

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 20-02]

### Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY**: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION**: Arms sales notice.

**SUMMARY**: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Karma Job at [karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil](mailto:karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil) or (703) 697-8976.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 20-02, Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: February 25, 2020.

**Aaron T. Siegel**,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*



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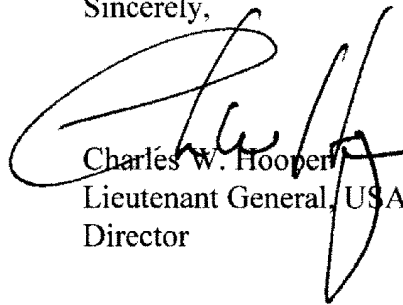
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
 Speaker of the House  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 H-209, The Capitol  
 Washington, DC 20515

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. 20-02 concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$990 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,



Charles W. Hooper  
 Lieutenant General, USA  
 Director

Enclosures:

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

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Transmittal No. 20-02

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:* Government of Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment * ..	\$690 million
Other .....	\$300 million
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Total .....	\$990 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*  
 Up to two hundred (200) AGM-158C, Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles (LRASMs)

Up to eleven (11) ATM-158C LRASMs Telemetry Variant (Inert)

*Non-MDE:*  
 Also included are DATM-158C LRASM, Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM-158C LRASM), containers,

support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, 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 (AT-P-ANT)

(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 Attached Annex.

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: February 7, 2020

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### *Australia—Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles (LRASMs)*

The Government of Australia has requested to buy up to two hundred (200) AGM-158C, Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles (LRASMs); and up to eleven (11) ATM-158C LRASM Telemetry Variant (Inert). Also included are DATM-158C LRASM, Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM-158C LRASM), containers, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, 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 total estimated cost is \$990 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region.

Australia intends to use the missiles on its F-18 aircraft and will provide enhanced capabilities in defense of critical sea-lanes. The proposed sale of the missiles and support will increase the Australian Navy's maritime partnership potential and align its capabilities with existing regional baselines. This is Australia's first purchase of the missiles. Australia will not have any difficulty absorbing these weapons 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 Lockheed Martin, Orlando, Florida. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to Australia involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and oversight for approximately five years.

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

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

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The AGM-158C, Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM) system is classified SECRET. The LRASM is a non-nuclear tactical weapon system. It provides a day, night, and adverse weather, standoff air-to-surface capability and is an effective AntiSurface Warfare missile. The LRASM incorporates components, software, and technical design information that are considered sensitive. The following components being conveyed by the proposed sale that are considered sensitive include:

- a. RF Seeker
- b. GPS/INS System
- c. Datalink
- d. Warhead
- e. IR Seeker

2. These elements are essential to the ability of the LRASM missile to selectively engage hostile targets under a wide range of operations, tactical and environmental conditions.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, 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.

4. A determination has been made that Australia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to further the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

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## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

### Notice of Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety

Board (DNFSB) will hold a Public Hearing regarding the status of the Savannah River Site (SRS). The purpose of this Public Hearing is to gather information and discuss Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) actions that could impact the safety posture of particular operations at SRS.

**DATES:** The Public Hearing will be held on March 19, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Public Hearing will be held in the Etheredge Center at the University of South Carolina Aiken. The Etheredge Center is located at 340 Scholar Loop, Aiken, South Carolina 29801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Tadlock, Manager of Board Operations, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Public Hearing will be composed of four sessions. In Session 1, Board Members will address DOE's past actions and future plans for addressing Recommendation 2012-1 regarding Building 235-F. The Board's objective for this session is to gather information related to the proposed changes to DOE's Implementation Plan and deactivation strategy, the actions and steps for deactivation of Building 235-F, and the plans for decommissioning, including the end state of Building 235-F.

In Session 2, Board Members will address Federal oversight and technical staffing needs. The Board will pay particular attention to the adequacy of current Office of Environmental Management (EM) and NNSA staffing to conduct oversight missions. This will include discussions of shortages in both facility representative positions for existing facilities and engineering positions with regard to personnel who review safety bases and perform safety system oversight, and the subsequent approach of delegating inherently federal functions to the contractor as a substitute for federal oversight. Session 2 will also include discussions of future technical staffing needs as new site missions, such as Savannah River Plutonium Production Facility operations and Surplus Plutonium blend-down, ramp up.

In Session 3, Board Members will address the safety poster of the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) facilities. The Board's objective for this session is to discuss the SRTE safety basis, completed improvements, and ongoing and planned actions to