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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 29, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 77997) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

This permit authorizes researchers to study growth, development, and health of harbor seals throughout their residency in the ASLC Rehabilitation Program. In addition to conducting standard rehabilitation practices, researchers will collect blood, fecal, and urine samples; collect body composition measurements using bioelectrical

impedance and deuterium oxide; perform sodium bromide, Evan's blue dye, and nitrogen administration followed by post-administration blood samples; conduct assimilation efficiency experiments to study metabolic development; and collect blubber biopsies to study fatty acid composition and contaminant loads. The permit has been issued for a five-year period.

Dated: May 16, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05-18]

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/OPS-ADMIN, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05-18 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 13, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

6 MAY 2005**In reply refer to:
I-05/002601**

**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. 05-18, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Pakistan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$180 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.B. Kohler", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

**JEFFREY B. KOHLER
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR**

Enclosures:

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

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
 Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
 House Committee on Armed Services
 Senate Committee on Armed Services
 House Committee on Appropriations
 Senate Committee on Appropriations**

Transmittal No. 05-18

**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:** Pakistan
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$115 million |
| Other | \$ <u>65 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$180 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 40 AGM-84L (air-launched) and 20 RGM-84L (surface-launched) Grade B Canister HARPOON Block II missiles; containers; missile modifications; training devices; spare and repair parts; technical support; support equipment; personnel training and training equipment; technical data and publications; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (ACZ)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**
- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| FMS case ACK | - \$24 million - 24Apr90 |
| FMS case ABO | - \$38 million - 30Sep85 |
| FMS case ABD | - \$45 million - 18Oct83 |
- (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:** 6 May 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Pakistan – HARPOON Block II Missiles

The Government of Pakistan has requested a possible sale of 40 AGM-84L (air-launched) and 20 RGM-84L (surface-launched) Grade B Canister HARPOON Block II missiles; containers; missile modifications; training devices; spare and repair parts; technical support; support equipment; personnel training and training equipment; technical data and publications; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$180 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 that continues to be a key ally in the global war on terrorism.

Pakistan intends to use the purchase to upgrade and modernize its existing HARPOON missile capability. The Pakistan Navy currently has AGM-84 Block I air/surface/subsurface launch capability. The modernization will enhance Pakistan's legitimate self-defense capability. The AGM-84, HARPOON Block II upgraded targeting capability significantly reduces the risk of hitting non-combatant targets thus improving Pakistan's naval operational flexibility. Pakistan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles 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: The Boeing Company of St. Louis, Missouri and Delex Systems, Incorporated, of Vienna, Virginia. 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 Pakistan permanently. There may be U.S. Government or contractor personnel in-country on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical and management oversight and support requirements.

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 AGM-84L and RGM-84L (A/RGM-84L) HARPOON missile is an Anti-Surface Warfare (ASuW) missile in air- and ship-launched versions that provides naval forces with a capability to engage targets in both the "blue water" regions and the littorals of the world. The highest classification of any data and/or items associated with this proposed sales of A/RGM-84L missiles, including publications, documentation, operations, supply, maintenance, and training is Secret.

2. The A/RGM-84L incorporates components, software, and technical design information that are considered sensitive. The following HARPOON components being conveyed by the proposed sale that are considered sensitive and are classified Confidential include:

- a. Radar seeker
- b. Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigation System (GPS/INS)
- c. Operational Flight Program (OFP) software
- d. Missile operational characteristics and performance data

These elements are essential to the ability of the HARPOON missile to selectively engage hostile targets under a wide range of operational, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

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