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Saudi Arabia – AH-64D APACHE Longbow Helicopters

WASHINGTON, October 20, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Saudi Arabia of:

24	AH-64D Block III APACHE Longbow Helicopters
58	T700-GE-701D Engines
27	Modernized Targeting Acquisition and Designation Systems/Pilot Night Vision Sensors
10	AN/APG-78 Fire Control Radars with Radar Electronics Unit (Longbow Component)
10	AN/APR-48A Radar Frequency Interferometer
27	AN/APR-39 Radar Signal Detecting Sets
27	AN/AVR-2B Laser Warning Sets
27	AAR-57(V)3/5 Common Missile Warning Systems
54	Improved Countermeasures Dispensers
28	30mm Automatic Weapons
6	Aircraft Ground Power Units
48	AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles
106	M299A1 HELLFIRE Longbow Missile Launchers
24	HELLFIRE Training Missiles
1,536	AGM-114R HELLFIRE II Missiles
4,000	2.75 in 70mm Laser Guided Rockets
307	AN/PRQ-7 Combat Survivor Evader Locators
1	BS-1 Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch
1	Fixed-Base Precision Approach Radar
1	Digital Airport Surveillance Radar
1	DoD Advanced Automation Service
1	Digital Voice Recording System

Also included are trainers, simulators, generators, training munitions, design and construction, transportation, tools and test equipment, ground and air based SATCOM and line of sight communication equipment, Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) systems, GPS/INS, spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$3.3 billion.

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 Royal Saudi Land Forces (RSLF) will use the AH-64D for its national security and to protect its borders and vital installations. This sale also will increase the RSLF's APACHE sustainability and interoperability with the U.S. Army, the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, and other coalition forces. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractors will be:

The Boeing Company	Mesa, Arizona
Lockheed Martin Corporation	Orlando, Florida
General Electric Company	Cincinnati, Ohio
Lockheed Martin Millimeter Technology	Owego, New York
Longbow Limited Liability Corporation	Orlando, Florida

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of an additional 35 U.S. Government and 130 contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia. At present, there are approximately 250 U.S. Government personnel and 630 contractor representatives in Saudi Arabia supporting the modernization program. Also, this program will require multiple trips involving U.S. government and contractor personnel to participate in annual, technical reviews, training, and one-week Program Reviews in Saudi Arabia.

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

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.