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Australia – Modular Artillery Charge Systems (MACS)

WASHINGTON, October 1, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Australia of 2,400 Modular Artillery Charge Systems (MACS) as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$40 million.

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of 2,400 Modular Artillery Charge Systems (MACS), 250 M982 Block 1a-2 Excalibur Projectile with base bleed units, 28 Portable Excalibur Fire Control Systems (PEFCS), training ammunition, containers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives' engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$40 million.

The proposed sale will enhance Australia's defensive capabilities and increase interoperability with United States (U.S.) and multi-national forces supporting coalition operations. The country will have no difficulty absorbing this new capability into its military.

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

The prime contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems Corporation, Tucson, Arizona for Excalibur, and General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Camden, Arkansas for MACS. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U. S. Government personnel in-country.

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; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.