WEEEKLY HOLDS UPDATE Week 31 May – 7 June 2002

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- New application form, guidelines available at OIP web-site
- New holds top releases by some \$15 million, overall level drops due to null-and-void
- A \$23 million application released from hold in electricity sector
- 1. The implementation of resolution 1409 and the related procedures continued with introduction of guidelines for completion of new application form and an attachment (list of goods to be shipped) that have been made available at OIP web site. Also available is a comprehensive list of technical information requirements necessary for GRL review. The latter includes 25 standard technical information sheets to most common items to be subject to GRL review by the UN technical experts. The Office of Iraq Programme/CMPD has received first applications using new form last week. It is expected that the UN experts will start reviewing applications and technical specifications against the Goods Review List (GRL) as early as next week. Although the complete processing system under new procedures is not in place yet, this is fully in line with previously announced gradual introduction of the new system.
- 2. The level of holds stands at \$5,179.4 million this week. The grand total has decreased by some \$11 million in comparison to the previous week's total of \$5,190.4 million in spite of the fact that the new holds were by \$15 million higher than releases. This decrease is due to several applications previously on hold being declared null-and-void.
- 3. The total number of 59% account applications on hold is 2,122 (to include 1,442 humanitarian and 680 oil spare parts applications) or 11 more than 2,111 last week. The relative value of holds is identical to the last week's with 17.8 per cent of the total value circulated to the Committee and 13.2 per cent of the value circulated to the Committee AND approved by OIP based on pre-approved lists was (17.8and 13.2 respectively during the previous week).
- **4. GENERAL TRENDS:** A largely uneventful week in the area of holds. OIP/CPMD has continued forwarding applications currently on hold to UNMOVIC/IAEA experts for GRL re-assessment as required under paragraph 18 of the new procedures. The first feedback is expected by the end of June with some releases (for comms. found to contain no GRL items) possible even earlier. Very few releases (six, compared to 31 new holds) were registered during the past week, mainly through amendments. There were very few applications on hold declared null-and-void. Consequently, the number of applications on hold has gone slightly up while the overall value on hold has decreased somewhat.
- **5.** A HIGH-VALUE APPLICATION IN ELECTRICITY SECTOR RELEASED FROM HOLD:

 A \$23.05 million application for sub-station in

electricity sector was released from hold following an amendment deleting some contentious items. This comm.. accounted for most of the value released from hold last week (70%).

6. Only **6 applications worth \$33.4 million** were released last week. Apart from the sub-station application released from hold (as in para 5 above), the releases, *inter alia*, *included*:

1001490(A)	\$8.32M	Turbine pumps	
1030047(O)	\$0.72M	Service Trucks	
930239(O)	\$0.67M	Valves	as per A1

7. Total of **31 applications worth \$47.68 million** was placed on hold during the last week. The new holds, *inter alia*, included:

1101031(T) \$10.04M	Locomotive parts	Specs. on valves, pumps
90774(A) \$ 5.47M	Cold store	EU locations, specs
1030767(O) \$ 4.54M	Electrical eq.	Pending further evaluation
1002150(WS) \$ 2.66M	Pumps	Specs, material comp.
1101023(L) \$ 2.56M	Lifter trucks	"Dual mil. use", specs
1100950(Q) \$ 2.36M	Truck parts	Specs, detailed EU
1030558(O) \$ 1.32M	Cable trucks	Tech specs.
1100990(A) \$ 1.04M	Generators	Pending further evaluation
1001413(SA) \$ 0.78M	Water Tanker	Specs on valves/pumps/nozzle
90773(A) \$ 0.61M	Cold store	EU locations, specs
1030439(O) \$ 0.45M	Water Tanker	Specs on valves/pumps/kits