

WEEEEKLY HOLDS UPDATE

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- **The level of holds registers small decrease, remains just under US\$5.0 billion**
- **Major electricity sector application released from hold**
- **An application for US\$35.0 million worth of fire fighting vehicles placed on hold**
- **More applications placed on hold for end-use/user information**

1. The holds stand at **US\$4,951.0 million** this week, to include US\$371.0M in “inactive hold” category. The grand total is actually down by some US\$4.0 million than the previous week total of US\$4,956.0M.

2. As of last week, there were 206 applications worth some US\$353.0 million in the category of inactive holds. This week the value and the number of applications in this category are again somewhat higher and stand at **222 applications worth US\$371.0 million**. At the same time, the number of applications for which a feedback from the holding mission is due in excess of 60 days has rose sharply due to inclusion of the two new batch of comms. falling into this category during the holidays and now stands at **440 applications worth US\$1,306.0M** (334 worth US\$941.0M previous week).

3. The total number of applications on hold (“active”) is **1,664 (to include 1,147 humanitarian and 517 oil spare parts applications)** or 16 more than 1,648 last week. The relative value of holds has remained the same as last week with **18.3 percent** of the total value circulated to the Committee or **14.3 per cent** of the value circulated to the Committee AND approved by OIP based on pre-approved lists (18.4 and 14.3 respectively during the previous week).

4. **GENERAL TRENDS:** A small decrease registered this week was solely the result of the release of a high-value (US\$147.0M) application in the electricity sector. Other releases were almost exclusively short-term holds due to holidays. The level of new holds remains high with holds for end-use/user information continuing to be placed on applications at the same rate. It is clear that only the release of the high-value application in the electricity sector offset the raise of holds over the US\$5.0 billion benchmark.

5. **HIGH-VALUE APPLICATION RELEASED FROM HOLD IN ELECTRICITY SECTOR:** A US\$147.5 million application in electricity sector (**Comm.801479**, mechanical equipment for Yusiffiya PS) was released from hold this week on the basis of the amendment deleting one particular item and confirming end-use verification as a pre-condition for release. OIP is now looking into ways of funding the application as the funds in phase VIII for electricity sector

have been exhausted. At the same time, two fairly large applications were placed on hold in this sector this week:

1001421(L)	\$47.8M	Substation Eq.	Specs on pumps, SF6 eq.
1001518(L)	\$16.06M	Transmission Line Mat.	Specs, EU/EU info

6. HIGH-VALUE APPLICATION FOR FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES PLACED ON HOLD:

Comm. 1001521 for 200 fire fighting scanners worth US\$35.85M was placed on hold last week for the variety of reasons, to include end-use locations for the equipment. Other reasons included technical specifications on pumps, tanks, valves and pipes.

7. A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AGAIN PLACED ON HOLD FOR END-USE/USER INFORMATION:

the observed trend of holds for end-use /user information has continued with 24 of 51 applications placed on hold containing end-use/user information as, at least, a part of the reason for hold. In 13 of 24 cases end-use/user information was the only reason for hold. The goods in this category this week included the following comms:

1001521(WS)	\$35.85M	Fire Fighting Veh.	Specs, EU/EU
1001518(L)	\$16.06M	Transmission Line Mat.	Specs, EU/EU info
901988(WS)	\$14.0M	Pick-up Trucks	Detailed EU/EU info
1000531(T)	\$11.14M	Station Wagon	Detailed EU/EU info
802875(WS)	\$ 7.05M	Cars	Detailed EU/EU info
1001467(WS)	\$ 2.87M	Road Sweepers	Specs on valves, pumps, EU/EU
1001484(E)	\$ 2.73M	Generators	Detailed EU/EU info
1001513(A)	\$ 2.5M	Trucks	Military “dual use”, EU/EU info
1001482(WS)	\$ 2.35M	Bitumen Tankers	Specs on tank, burner, EU/EU
1001485(W)	\$ 1.56M	Generators	Detailed EU/EU info
901908(T)	\$ 1.19M	Fork Lifts	Detailed EU/EU info
1001512(WS)	\$ 1.15M	Machines	Specs on pumps, EU/EU info
901906(T)	\$ 0.99M	Antenna Syst.	Specs, detailed EU/EU info
1001466(WS)	\$ 0.98M	Cement Truck	Detailed EU/EU info
1001596(SA)	\$ 0.84M	Cesspit Tr.	Specs on tank, EU/EU info
1001489(T)	\$ 0.59M	Tires	Detailed EU/EU info
901941(T)	\$ 0.43M	Cables, tools	Itemized list, PFE, EU/EU info
1001455(Q)	\$ 0.43M	Citric Acid	Detailed EU/EU info
830819(O)	\$ 0.28M	Spares for bulldozers	Detailed EU/EU info
1030091(O)	\$ 0.23M	Fork Lifts	Detailed EU/EU info
901889(T)	\$ 0.21M	Testing Eq.	Detailed EU/EU info
1001418(SA)	\$ 0.19M	Tractor	Detailed EU/EU info
901859(T)	\$ 0.16M	Recovery Veh.	Specs, detailed EU/EU info

8. The total of **19 applications worth US\$191.62M** were released last week. Most of the releases were merely 1-3 day holds placed for “pending further evaluation” during the holidays season. Other releases included a \$147.5M application in the electricity sector as well as the following comms:

1030086(O)	\$30.55M	Pipeline Eq.	w. monitoring (1 week hold)
1000992(M)	\$ 0.44M	Packaging mat.	EU/EU info provided
1000882(M)	\$ 0.33M	Medical eq.	Specs provided
600430(L)	\$ 0.14M	Boiler Aux. Syst.	A1 deleted item

9. Total of **51 applications worth US\$184.72M** were placed on hold during the last week. Most of the relevant comms have been placed on hold for end-use/user info exclusively or for other reasons as well, and are consequently listed in para 7 above. Also, some major holds in electricity and wat-san sectors are listed in paras 5 and 6 above. Other holds included:

1001380(A)	\$ 7.76M	Excavators	Specs on valves, pumps, kits
830503(O)	\$ 5.2M	Boats	Specs on filters, pumps, tanks
1001373(A)	\$ 3.31M	Turbine Pumps	Specs on pumps.
1030052(O)	\$ 2.23M	Demulsifier	Chemical composition required
1001463(WS)	\$ 1.78M	Spare parts	Specs. On calves, pumps, leak detectors, chlorinators
1000742(T)	\$1.03M	Air Observation Syst.	1051, specs on GPS