

EXHIBIT # 12

CENTURION MAIN BATTLE TANK

UNITED KINGDOM

First developed in 1944, the prototype failed to see service in World War II. Widely accepted as the best tank of the Korean war, the Centurion has distinguished itself throughout the world. There are a number of reasons as to why the Centurion was such a good tank. For one, its 105 mm main gun could take out a target about 1.5 miles away and penetrate approximately six inches of armor. Another advantage was the fact that its armor was between 0.67 in to 6 ins of armor. Because of these and other advantages, the tank's life in the active military was over 20 years with 25 versions. It was replaced in the British Army by the Chieftain, but it is still in service with a number of armies around the world. The Centurion on exhibit is a Mark 5, manufactured in the late 1950s and donated by the Swiss government after being deactivated in May 1993. The Centurion was one of the most enduring NATO main battle tanks seeing action in: the Korean War (1950-1953), Suez Crisis (1956-1957), Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, the Six Day War between Israel and Jordan, Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, Yom Kippur War between Israel and Jordan, the Vietnam War, the Angolan Civil War and the Gulf War.

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Length: 32 ft. 3 in. Width: 11 ft. 1 in. Height: 9 ft. 10 in.

Weight: 114,004 lbs. – a little over 57 tons.

Crew: 4

Power: Rolls Royce Meteor Mk IVB 12 cyl liquid cooled gasoline engine with 650 hp

Armament: one 105 mm cannon, one 50 cal and one 30-cal machine gun

Armor: up to 6.08 in

Speed: 21 mph Range 118 miles

