

EXHIBIT # 15

M-47 MEDIUM TANK

USA

In many respects the M-47 tank is a modernized World War II M-26 Pershing. The M-46 Patton Medium tank, named after the famous George S. Patton, was a mixture of previous designs, and by the time it was fielded in 1949, it was already somewhat obsolete. Army ordinance decided to use the M-46 as the basis for the M-47. The urgent need for development of a new tank was becoming even more critical when war broke out in Korea in 1950. Although some M-26s and M-46s were available, they were already considered obsolete and a new medium tank was needed badly. Eight thousand, five hundred and seventy-six (8,576) M-47s were produced between June 1951 and November 1953. One of the disadvantages of the M-47 was that the turret could not be turned manually, which made the tank vulnerable if the turret's motor broke down. Ironically, no M-47 saw any action in the Korean War. As a durable vehicle, most of them were exported under the US mutual aid program. The M-47 was also made famous in the movie "Full Metal Jacket".

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Length: 28 ft.

Width: 11 ft. 6 in.

Height: 9 ft. 1 in.

Weight: 98,355 lbs.

Crew: 5

Power: Continental Model AV-1790-5B, 7 or 7B, V-12 air cooled gasoline engine, 810 hp

Armament: one 90 mm cannon, one 50-cal machine gun, two 30-cal machine guns

Armor: 1 to 4 in.

Speed: 30 mph

Range: 80 miles.

