

EXHIBIT # 18**MBT-70 MEDIUM TANK****WEST GERMANY/USA**

This tank was intended to be the “Tank of the Century”. It was under development as a joint project between West Germany and the United States since 1963. It was a grand idea and should have worked, but as an international effort it was a dismal failure. Each side wanted to protect its own defense industries and get as large a piece of the pie as possible. Having completed the first pilot models, the co-partners by 1970 had agreed to disagree and the project was dissolved. The MBT-70 was to have all kinds of features on it to make it ‘the tank of the century’, such as a 152 mm gun/missile launcher, a hydraulics system that would permit it to ‘squat’ so that the tank could make maximum use of cover. Our MBT-70 has been hit with armor piercing bullets and even a HEAT round. The HEAT round went through one side of the turret and melted a hole out the other end. One of the unique things about this tank is that the driver is in the turret rather than the chassis. The driver had a good view as long as the MBT-70 wasn’t in any combat, but as soon as the tank enters combat, the driver has to squeeze into a cramped little hole and look through periscopes. This didn’t make the test drivers happy and nausea could be induced because the driver’s seat moved with the turret.

DATA**Length: 29 ft. 8 in. Width: 11 ft. 5 in. Height: 7ft 5 in.****Weight: 110,000 lbs.****Crew: 3****Power: Continental AVCR 12 cyl air-cooled multi-fuel engine, 1475 hp****Armament: one 152 mm rifled, smoothbore gun/missile launcher, one 20 mm cannon, eight grenade launchers.****Armor: thickness unknown, prototypes were cast from mild steel****Speed: 40 mph Range: 400 miles**