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ARMORED VEHICLE COMPONENTS PRODUCTION/ASSEMBLY  
MUPYONG NI ARMS PLANT PUG, NORTH KOREA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THIS IS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF LIGHT GUN TURRET PRODUCTION IN NORTH KOREA. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: ARMORED VEHICLE COMPONENTS PRODUCTION, AND PROBABLY LIMITED ARMORED VEHICLE ASSEMBLY WAS OBSERVED AT MUPYONG NI ARMS PLANT PUG FOR THE FIRST TIME ON IMAGERY OF [Redacted] AT LEAST TWO AND POSSIBLY THREE TYPES OF LIGHT GUN TURRETS ARE IN PRODUCTION AT THIS PLANT. NINE SMALL TURRETS, PROBABLY FOR THE M-1973 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER, AND AT LEAST 51 LARGER TURRETS (WITH A SMALL CALIBER GUN TUBE MOUNTED IN THE TURRET) WERE ON WOODEN PALLETS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PLANT. CANVAS HAD BEEN PLACED OVER THE CENTER SECTION OF THE STORAGE AREA, PROBABLY COVERING ADDITIONAL TURRETS. THE SMALL TURRETS ARE APPROXIMATELY [Redacted] METER IN DIAMETER AND THE LARGER TURRETS, WITH GUNS MOUNTED, ARE [Redacted] METERS IN DIAMETER. IN ADDITION, TWO ARMORED VEHICLES SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO A SOVIET PT-76 LIGHT TANK OR CHINESE TYPE 63 LIGHT TANK WERE OBSERVED AT THE PLANT FOR THE FIRST TIME. THESE VEHICLES WHICH MEASURED [Redacted], AND INCORPORATED A FORWARD MOUNTED TURRET, [Redacted] IN DIAMETER, WERE PARKED NEAR THE SUPPORT BUILDING. TWO ARMORED VEHICLE CHASSIS, ONE PARKED NEAR THE TURRET STORAGE AREA, AND ONE ON A ROAD LEADING INTO THE AREA WERE ALSO PRESENT. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE TURRETS PRODUCED AT THIS PLANT ARE PROBABLY SHIPPED TO SINHUNG ARMORED VEHICLE ASSEMBLY/REPAIR PLANT PUG [Redacted] AND OTHER PLANTS WHERE ARMORED VEHICLE FINAL ASSEMBLY OCCURS. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT LARGE SCALE FINAL ASSEMBLY OF ARMORED VEHICLES COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE MUPYONG NI PLANT. FINAL ASSEMBLY IS PROBABLY LIMITED TO A FEW VEHICLES AND MAY INCLUDE ONLY PROTOTYPES. (SWN) [Redacted]

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3. [Redacted] COORDINATES 40-37-43N 126-25-35E (S)

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