Gilat Announces the Release of the Wavestream Ka-Band Matchbox Mini Block Upconverter (BUC)

- Compact 8W Linear BUC provides higher output power in one of the industry’s smallest and most reliable package
- Switchable bands cover both Ka Commercial and Ka Military bands in the same unit

Petah Tikva, Israel, 17 September, 2013 -- Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILT) announced today the immediate availability of the Wavestream Ka-band Matchbox Mini Block Upconverter. The Matchbox Mini incorporates Wavestream’s Spatial advantEdge™ technology to provide higher output power in smaller, lighter weight packages that are more reliable and use less energy.

The Ka Matchbox Mini is the next evolution in the Wavestream Matchbox series. The Mini product retains all the features and improves on the performance of its Ka-band predecessor while being one-third (1/3) the size, one-third (1/3) the weight and twice (2x) the linear output power.

The Matchbox features:

• Groundbreaking compact 8W Linear
• Low power draw, high MTBF (mean time between failures)
• Flexible, modular feed-mount design – small enough to fit any antenna
• Switchable bands cover both Ka Commercial and Ka Military bands in the same unit

“In creating the Ka Matchbox Mini, we leveraged the experience gained in fielding over 4,500 50W Ka-band BUCs and over 8,000 Ku-band BUCs,” said Fran Auricchio, President and CEO of Wavestream. “The smaller and lighter Mini retains all the features, high reliability and dependability our customers have come to expect, in a more compact and powerful BUC.”

Wavestream products are biased for Class AB operation, drawing less power when backed off to help save valuable energy resources. They generate less heat, ensuring a higher MTBF for greater reliability and lower lifecycle costs.

The Ka Matchbox Mini joins the Matchbox family and is available for order now.

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About Wavestream
Wavestream designs and manufactures solid-state power amplifiers for mission-critical defense and broadcast satellite communications systems. The company’s innovative, patented Spatial advantEdge™ technology provides higher output power, greater reliability and lower energy usage in more compact packages than traditional amplifier solutions. Wavestream’s proven family of products meet the growing demand for greater efficiency and significant lifecycle cost reductions for satellite communications systems worldwide. Wavestream is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILT). For more information, please visit the company’s web site at www.wavestream.com.

About Gilat
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With over 25 years of experience, and over a million products shipped to more than 85 countries, Gilat has provided enterprises, service providers and operators with efficient and reliable satellite-based connectivity solutions, including cellular backhaul, banking, retail, e-government and rural communication networks. Gilat also enables leading defense, public security and news organizations to implement advanced, on-the-move tactical communications on board their land, air and sea fleets. For more information, please visit us at www.gilat.com.

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