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Washington, D.C. 20549

Report on Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a – 16 or 15d – 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of April 2013

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Gilat House, Yegia Kapayim Street Daniv Park, Kiryat Arye, Petah Tikva, Israel (Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

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Attached hereto is Registrant's press release dated April 23, 2013, announcing that the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has selected its SatTrooper-1000 military Manpack terminal for advanced tactical field communications.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Registrant)

Dated April 23, 2013

By: /s/ Alon Levy

Alon Levy Gneral Counsel

Gilat to Equip IDF with SatTrooper-1000 Military Manpack for Advanced Tactical Communications

- Lightweight portable solution uses broadband satellite communication to provide data, video and telephony under toughest field conditions -

Petah Tikva, Israel – 23 April, 2013 – Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILT), a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, announced today that the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has selected its SatTrooper-1000 military Manpack terminal for advanced tactical field communications. The Manpack was tailor made to address the unique field requirements of the IDF ground forces.

The SatTrooper-1000 will provide Israeli soldiers with dependable data, video and telephony at broadband speeds. Weighing only 13 kilos, the compact and easy-to-carry terminal is highly efficient and can be set up in minutes by a single warfighter. The rugged design of the auto pointing antenna enables rapid connectivity even in the harshest environmental conditions.

"Net centric warfare has increased the importance of quick-deploy satellite based communication solutions in today's battle field," said Res. Gen. Moshe (Chico) Tamir, Gilat's Vice President of Defense and Homeland Security. "Intelligence superiority is a critical necessity on the battle field wherever and whenever required. Our SatTrooper Manpack was built taking into account the harshest and most demanding battle conditions, adhering to the stringent communication requirements of the IDF."

For more information about Gilat's satellite communications solutions for the defense and homeland security market, please <u>click here</u>.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd (NASDAQ, TASE: GILT) is a leading provider of products and services for satellite-based broadband communications. Gilat develops and markets a wide range of high-performance satellite ground segment equipment and VSATs, with an increasing focus on the consumer and Ka-band market. In addition, Gilat enables mobile SOTM (Satellite-on-the-Move) solutions providing low-profile antennas, next generation solid-state power amplifiers and modems. Gilat also provides managed network and satellite-based services for rural telephony and Internet access via its subsidiaries in the United States, Peru and Colombia.

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 using Gilat's high-performance SOTM solutions. For more information, please visit us at <u>www.gilat.com</u>

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