

GILAT SATELLITE NETWORKS LTD

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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 May 2006

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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Attached hereto is Registrant's press release dated May 16, 2006 announcing that Bill Gerety, Chief Executive Officer and President of Spacenet Inc. will complete his three year employment term with the Company soon and that, Spacenet has appointed Mr. Glenn Katz as its Acting Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1st 2006 in his place.

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)

By: /s/ Rachel Prishkolnik

Rachel Prishkolnik
Corporate Secretary

Dated: May 17, 2006

Gilat announces departure of Spacenet Inc. s CEO and President and appointment of Acting CEO

Petah Tikva, Israel, May 16, 2006 Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILT) today announced that Bill Gerety, Chief Executive Officer and President of Spacenet Inc. will complete his three year employment term with the Company soon. In his place, Spacenet has appointed Mr. Glenn Katz as its Acting Chief Executive Officer, effective June 1st 2006. Mr. Katz is currently serving as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Spacenet and has been with Gilat for more than thirteen years. Mr. Gerety will assist the company during the month of June to assure a smooth transition.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILT) is a leading provider of products and services for satellite-based communications networks. The Company operates under three business units: (i) Gilat Network Systems (GNS), which is a provider of network systems and associated professional services to service providers and operators worldwide; (ii) Spacenet Inc., which provides managed services in North America for businesses and governments through its Connexstar service brand and for consumers through its StarBand service brand; (iii) Spacenet Rural Communications, which offers rural telephony and Internet access solutions to remote areas primarily in Latin America.

Gilat was founded in 1987 and has shipped over 600,000 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) to more than 85 countries across six continents. Gilat s headquarters is located in Petah Tikva, Israel. The Company has 14 local offices and three service facilities worldwide. Gilat markets the SkyEdge Product Family which includes the SkyEdge Pro, SkyEdge IP, SkyEdge Call, SkyEdge DVB-RCS and SkyEdge Gateway. In addition, the Company markets numerous other legacy products. Visit Gilat at www.gilat.com.

Certain statements made herein that are not historical are forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words estimate , project , intend , expect , believe and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Gilat to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions, inability to maintain market acceptance to Gilat s products, inability to timely develop and introduce new technologies, products and applications, rapid changes in the market for Gilat s products, loss of market share and pressure on prices resulting from competition, introduction of competing products by other companies, inability to manage growth and expansion, loss of key OEM partners, inability to attract and retain qualified personnel, inability to protect the Company s proprietary technology and risks associated with Gilat s international operations and its location in Israel. For additional information regarding these and other risks and uncertainties associated with Gilat s business, reference is made to Gilat s reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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