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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 December 2004

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 and incorporated by reference herein is Registrant s press release from December 27, 2004, announcing that beginning January 1, 2005, Registrant will operate under two business units and that Registrant will hold a special general meeting of shareholders on February 3, 2005.

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: December 28, 2004

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Gilat Announces Changes in Business Reporting

The Company will operate under two separate business units: Gilat Network Solutions and Gilat Network Operations

Petah Tikva, Israel, December 27, 2004 Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILTF) today announced that beginning January 1, 2005, the Company will operate under two business units: Gilat Network Solutions (GNS) and Gilat Network Operations (GNO). The Company s 2004 financial statements will reflect this change.

This division is part of the Company s new growth strategy aiming to increase sales for solution driven markets as well as the expansion of its operation business.

The Company also announced that a special general meeting of shareholders will be held on February 3, 2005 at 10.00 AM, Israel local time. Among the issues to be voted on at the meeting, will be the election of Mr. Haim Benjamini as an external director to serve on the Company s Board of Directors.

Mr. Benjamini is expected to replace Mr. David Milgrom who announced that he cease to serve as external director of Gilat so as to avoid any future potential conflicts of interest that may arise in his position as external director and his service as Chief Executive Officer of B.S.S.CH. The Israel Credit Insurance Company Ltd. Mr. Milgrom explained that B.S.S.CH has recently entered into the area of short and medium term credit insurances of above one year and such credit facilities could have future relevance to Gilat.

Mr. Haim Benjamini currently serves as the Corporate Vice President of Human Resources of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., with its global subsidiaries Spacenet Inc., Gilat Latin America and rStar Corporation, is a leading provider of telecommunications solutions based on Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) satellite network technology with close to 500,000 VSATs shipped worldwide. Gilat, headquartered in Petah Tikva, Israel, 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 Skystar Advantage®, DialAw@y IP, FaraWay , Skystar 360E and SkyBlaster* 360 VSAT products in more than 80 countries around the world. Gilat provides satellite-based, end-to-end enterprise networking and rural telephony solutions to customers across six continents, and markets interactive broadband data services. SkyEdge, Skystar Advantage, Skystar 360E, DialAw@y IP and FaraWay are trademarks or registered trademarks of Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. or its subsidiaries. (*SkyBlaster is marketed in the United States by StarBand Communications Inc. under its own brand name.) Visit Gilat at www.gilat.com.

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