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הנדון: אלביט מערכות בע"מ ("החברה") – הודעה לעתונות

מצ"ב הודעה לעתונות (Press Release) שבכוונתנו לפרסם בארה"ב ולהגישה כדו"ח 6K לרשות ניירות ערך האמריקאית.

בכבוד רב,

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Business News

ELBIT SYSTEMS AWARDED ORDERS FOR ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MERKAVA MARK IV MAIN BATTLE TANKS

Orders Valued at \$20 Million

Haifa, Israel, January, 18, 2004 - Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ: ESLT) today announced that it has been awarded orders from the Israel Ministry of Defense to supply electronic and electro-optical systems for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Merkava Mark IV Main Battle Tank. The orders are valued at approximately \$20 million.

Elbit Systems is the leading supplier of combat systems for the IDF Merkava Mark IV tanks, including the Fire Control System, Turret and Gun Drive System, Battle Management System (BMS) and Crew Protection systems.

The equipment developed by Elbit Systems for the Merkava Mark IV tanks is of the latest generation, based on the Company's extensive experience in the area of armored vehicles, including systems for previous generations of the Merkava tanks, meeting IDF's current and future needs.

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of defense-related programs throughout the world, in the areas of aerospace, ground and naval systems, command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I), advanced electro-optic and space technologies. The Company focuses on the upgrading of existing military platforms and developing new technologies for defense and homeland security applications.

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