



Elbit Systems to Supply the Israeli Defense Forces with Thermal Imaging and Target Acquisition Systems

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Haifa, Israel, 28 July, 2008 - Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ: ESLT) announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Elbit Systems Electro-Optics Elop Ltd. was selected by the Israeli Defense Forces as the supplier of Mars - an innovative thermal imaging and target acquisition system.

MARS is a hand-held next-generation thermal imager that operates using un-cooled sensor technology. In addition, the system combines a laser range-finder, GPS, compass, day channel and recording system. MARS is especially suited for the individual soldier, infantry forces and special units due to its advanced observation and target acquisition capabilities, its light weight and low power consumption.

"The unique imager, which answers the needs of the individual soldier, was developed according to the IDF's requirements, based on the extensive experience and knowledge accumulated at Elop, the leading electro-optics supplier for the IDF and other modern armies," said Haim Rousso, Elbit Systems Electro-Optics Elop General Manager. "We take great pride in supplying the IDF with our advanced systems. Elbit Systems was among the first to identify the global preference of lightweight acquisition systems designed for the individual soldier rather than the old large and heavy systems. We consider the new system a significant milestone in this global trend and an ideal solution for the individual soldier. We anticipate growing interest among our global clients in acquiring similar systems."

About Elbit Systems

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EW suites, airborne warning systems, ELINT systems, data links and military communications systems and radios. The Company also focuses on the upgrading of existing military platforms and developing new technologies for defense, homeland security and commercial aviation applications.

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