

# Elbit Systems to equip Australia with additional Skylark® I UAVs

Haifa, Israel, 3 August, 2008 - Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ: ESLT) announced today that it was awarded yet another contract to supply the Australian Army with more **Skylark® I** UAV systems for an estimated value of several million dollars. This is the Australian Department of Defence's third Skylark® order, following the initial order for the Australian Army in 2005.

Haim Kellerman, Executive Vice President and General Manager of **Elbit Systems** UAS Division said, "Australia's decision to equip its Army with an additional set of Skylark® I UAV systems underscores recognition of the UAV systems' capabilities and added value to soldiers in active war zones."

The Skylark® I, advanced mini-UAV system, is a unique man-pack configuration designed for day and night observation and data collection "beyond the hill" up to distances of 10-15 km. The mini-UAV system is equipped with an exceptionally quiet electric motor, totally autonomous flight and outstanding observation capabilities allowing for easy operation and orientation. The system can be launched by soldiers after a brief training period. The Skylark® I system enhances ground forces' tactical performance in various mission scenarios.

Skylark® I UAV systems are in operational use in several leading armies worldwide, such as the Israeli Defense Forces as well as coalition armies who successfully operate the UAV in various tactical arenas, including Afghanistan and Iraq.

## **About Elbit Systems**

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of defense-related programs throughout the world. The Company, which includes Elbit Systems and its subsidiaries, operates in the areas of aerospace, land and naval systems, command, control, communications, Computers, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance ("C4ISR"), Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) systems, advanced electro-optics, electro-optic space systems,



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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