



Elbit Systems Awarded Israeli Ministry of Defense Contract Valued at \$40 Million to Supply Skylark® I LE Mini-UAV

Haifa, Israel, January 26, 2009 – Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ:ESLT) announced, further to its announcement dated December 16, 2008, that it was awarded an approximately \$40 million contract by the Israeli Ministry of Defense to supply the Skylark® I LE mini-UAVs for all Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Ground Forces battalions, including training and logistics support.

The project is to be delivered over the next few years, subject to the IDF's requirements and procurement process.

Elbit Systems' Skylark® I LE was selected by the IDF following an extensive evaluation process, including operational ability to comply with the demanding requirements of the IDF, based on its extensive operational experience.

During its recent Operation "Cast Lead", the IDF used its already operational Skylark® mini-UAV family, in gathering vital intelligence and enhancing collaboration and connectivity between the different operating forces.

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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