



## **Elbit Systems to Invest \$18 Million for 19% of Mikal Ltd. with an Option to Acquire the Remaining Shares**

Haifa, Israel, 15 June, 2009 - Elbit Systems Ltd. ([NASDAQ: ESLT](http://NASDAQ: ESLT)), announced today that it signed an agreement with Mikal Ltd. ("Mikal") under which it will invest approximately \$18 million in Mikal in consideration for the issuance of approximately 19% of Mikal's shares. As part of the of the agreement, Elbit Systems also will be granted the option to purchase all of the remaining shares of Mikal from its shareholders.

In the first stage of the transaction, Elbit Systems will transfer to Mikal \$18 million, which will serve as a loan. After receiving authorization from the Israeli Antitrust Authority and subject to such authorization, the loan will be converted to an equity investment, and Mikal will issue approximately 19% of its shares to Elbit Systems and Elbit Systems will be granted the option to purchase the remaining shares of Mikal from the other shareholders, in the course of 2011, for a purchase price to be determined in accordance with an independent external valuation.

Mikal was founded in 1993 by Abraham (Miko) Gilat. The Mikal group operates through three main branches including Soltam Systems Ltd. in the field of artillery, the field of armored fighting vehicles led by Symar Ltd. and the field of optronics, led by ITL Optronics Ltd. The group owns companies both in Israel and throughout the world.

### **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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