



**ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD. ANNOUNCES
MIDROOG LTD. REAFFIRMING RATING "Aa1"
(LOCAL SCALE) FOR THE SERIES "A" NOTES ISSUED
BY ELBIT SYSTEMS AND FOR POTENTIAL ISSUANCES
OF NEW SERIES "A" NOTES UP TO NIS 900 MILLION
PAR VALUE**

Haifa, Israel, March 19, 2012 – Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: ELST) (the "Company") announced today that Midroog Ltd., an Israeli rating agency ("Midroog"), announced that it had reaffirmed the "Aa1" rating (on a local scale) to the Series "A" Notes issued by the Company in 2010 and to any new Series "A" Notes up to NIS 900 million par value which may be issued by the Company.

The full text of an unofficial English translation of Midroog's report will be submitted by the Company on Form 6-K to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company will also submit to the Israel Securities Authority a copy of Midroog's original report in Hebrew and the unofficial English translation of the report.

The Company has not yet made any decision as to the offering of any new Series "A" Notes, nor as to the scope, terms or timing of any such offering, nor is there any certainty that such an offering will be made.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Series "A" Notes.

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of 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 aircraft systems ("UAS"), 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, developing new technologies for defense, homeland security and commercial aviation applications and providing a range of support services.

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