

# Elbit Systems Awarded Options and Risk Reduction Activities Under Extant Contract Valued at Approximately US\$229 Million to Supply Additional Battle Management Systems to the Australian Defence Forces

Haifa, Israel, December 22, 2013 - Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: ESLT) ("Elbit Systems") announced today that the Australian Department of Defence has exercised options for additional quantities under an extant contract via a contract change, and also engaged Elbit Systems to conduct a Risk Reduction Activity via a survey and quote under the terms of an extant contract. The total value of both activities is approximately US\$229 million (excluding GST). The contract will be performed over a three-year period.

Elbit Systems is the prime contractor of the Australian Defence Forces' ("ADF") Battle Management Systems.

The project, to be performed primarily by Elbit Systems of Australia (ELSA), will support the Australian Army in achieving its digitisation objectives.

**Bezhalel (Butzi) Machlis, President and CEO of Elbit Systems** commented: "Australia is a very important market for Elbit Systems, and we are proud to be awarded these follow-on orders." Machlis added: "Elbit Systems is a global leading supplier of tactical Battle Management Systems, which are in operational use in dozens of armed forces worldwide, and we take great satisfaction in this new Australian vote of confidence".



# 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, signal intelligence ("SIGINT") systems, data links and 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, including training and simulation systems.

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