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## **Press Release**

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## **Gilat announces appointment of Jaron Lotan to serve as Chief Operating Officer**

*Appointment is accompanied by additional organization changes to strengthen synergies of Gilat's businesses worldwide*

**Petah Tikvah, Israel, March 24, 2010** – Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILT), a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, today announced the appointment of Jaron Lotan to serve as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. As COO Lotan will oversee all day-to-day business operations, from sales to implementation, for all of the Company's businesses other than Spacenet Inc. Lotan will report to Amiram Levinberg, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman. The changes will create a more unified Gilat, combining Gilat, GNS and Spacenet Rural, while enabling Spacenet Inc. to continue its operation as a separate wholly owned subsidiary.

Lotan joins Gilat after having served as the President and CEO of Tecnomatix Technologies Ltd., (formerly traded on NASDAQ), a \$100 million company that was acquired by UGS Corporation (now Siemens AG). Prior to that, he held various executive positions at Orbotech, Ltd., including Corporate Executive VP for Business and Strategy and President of the PCB Division. Mr. Lotan holds a B.A. and M.A. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (Mathematics and Economics) and an Executive M.B.A. from Stanford University.

Erez Antebi, the CEO of GNS and Spacenet Rural, has decided to leave the Company to seek other opportunities, and has agreed to continue to work for the Company for an interim period as an advisor on special projects reporting to the CEO and Chairman.

"We anticipate that Jaron Lotan will bring new perspectives to our sales and operational divisions and help leverage the synergies within our company in preparation for future growth. We are grateful to Erez Antebi for his many years of contribution to the Company as CEO of GNS and Spacenet Rural and we anticipate benefitting from his talents with respect to various projects moving forward," commented Amiram Levinberg, CEO and Chairman.

The new appointment of Jaron Lotan and organizational change will be effective beginning April 6, 2010.

### **About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.**

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILT) is a leading provider of products and services for satellite-based communications networks. The Company operates under three business units: (i) Gilat Network Systems, a provider of network systems and associated professional services to service providers and operators worldwide; (ii) Spacenet Inc., a provider of managed services in North America to the business and government segments; and (iii) Spacenet Rural



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Communications, a provider of rural telephony and Internet access solutions to remote areas primarily in Latin America.

Gilat was founded in 1987 and has shipped over 750,000 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) to more than 85 countries across six continents. Gilat's headquarters is located in Petah Tikva, Israel. The Company has 16 sales and service offices worldwide. Gilat markets a full line of high-performance VSATs under the SkyEdge™ and SkyEdge II Product Family.

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