

## **Gilat Awarded New Contract for Broadband Services in Rural Peru**

*- Five year contract is valued at \$14.5 million -*

**Petah Tikva, Israel, March 28, 2011** – Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILT), a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, today announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Gilat to Home Peru S.A., has been awarded a new contract by Peru's Agency for Promotion of Private Investment (ProInversion) to provide Internet access and telephony services throughout the country's rural regions.

Valued at \$14.5 million, the project is funded by Fondo de Inversión en Telecomunicaciones (FITEI), and is the sixth contract the ministerial agency has awarded Gilat in the past 12 years.

Gilat's solution is expected to connect over 770 communities across rural Peru, allowing more than 215,000 people access to essential communication services.

"Gilat has been at the forefront of delivering communication services in Peru for over a decade, and we are proud to be able to continue this important work and improve the quality of life for rural Peruvians. Through our repeated awards and successful service deployments in the country, we are committed to making a significant contribution to bridging the communication gap in the country", said Yair Shaharbany, Gilat's VP Global Operations and Customer Service.

With over 8,500 active sites across the country, Gilat to Home Peru is the leading provider of satellite communications in Peru.

The contract encompasses the provision of telecommunication services for remote rural communities located throughout Peru's Apurimac and Ene River Valleys and Camisea. The network is scheduled to be installed within a year and to provide services over the following four years.

### **About Gilat**

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. is a leading provider of products and professional services for satellite-based broadband communications networks worldwide. 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 develops and markets an expansive range of broadband satellite solutions including high-performance VSATs under the SkyEdge™ and SkyEdge II brands, low-profile antennas for satcom-on-the-move, under the RaySat Antenna Systems and the StealthRay™ brands and next



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generation solid-state power amplifiers for mission-critical defense and broadcast satellite communications systems under the Wavestream brand. Gilat's wholly-owned subsidiary, Spacenet Inc., is a leading provider of managed services in North America to the business and government segments. Visit Gilat at [www.gilat.com](http://www.gilat.com).

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