

## Press Release

### **Gilat Selected to Provide Turnkey Broadband Satellite Communications for Russian Yakutia Ministry of Finance**

*- SkyEdge II network will enable video, internet and telephony services throughout the vast republic -*

**Petah Tikva, Israel, 20 July, 2011** -- Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILT) today announced that it has been selected by Russian Yakutia Ministry of Finance to provide a full turnkey SkyEdge II broadband satellite network to serve new Ministry of Finance locations across Sakha (Yakutia) Republic, one of Russia's largest Federal Districts.

Satellite-based connectivity is essential for communications in Yakutia which has fewer than one million people spread over more than 3,100,000 square kilometers.

As part of the agreement, Gilat will provide the Ministry with a SkyEdge II platform, including hub installation, integration with previously installed Sky Edge platforms, and service support and maintenance. The Company will also oversee the installation of remote sites across Yakutia's expansive and rugged geography. The network offers the Ministry improved utilization of space segment and maximizes bandwidth efficiency at a time when the supply of capacity in the Russian satellite market is nearly exhausted.

Gilat will implement the turn-key SkyEdge II network in cooperation with GBU "CIBP", the local operator and service provider of the Yakutia Ministry of Finance.

The new satellite-based broadband network will provide essential telephony, internet and video-conferencing connectivity to new branches of the Ministry and is expected to be operational by August this year. The network is designed for multi-star operation and can be connected to additional service centers to enable future deployment of additional services.

"The solid performance of the current SkyEdge System and Gilat's product leadership, service support and ability to offer a turnkey solution that meets our technical and timeline requirements were key considerations in the selection process. By upgrading the Ministry's network to Gilat's SkyEdge II platform, we intend to deliver broadband access to a growing number of locations across Yakutia and we are excited to be able to do so with a solution that is an optimal fit to Russia's bandwidth-constrained environment," said Mr. Aisen Evgenievich NIKITIN, General Manager, GBU "CIBP".

"Gilat has long been at the forefront of delivering efficient, reliable communication services internationally. Our partnership with the Yakutia Ministry of Finance and GBU is a clear vote of confidence in Gilat's ability to execute large turnkey projects with the most challenging technical, operational and geographic parameters. We look forward to supporting the ongoing



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efforts to drive improved connectivity throughout Yakutia", said Arie Rozichner, Gilat's RVP Eurasia.

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### About GBU

GBU is the "Center for Informatization of Budget Process" at the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). The State Budget Agency has been set up in order to support and develop a Single Information Distribution Telecommunication Network that is able to provide functioning and development of the distributed automation systems for the budget process at all levels of the budget system of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). It is also aimed at creation of the e-government modern information and telecommunication infrastructure in the Republic.

### 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 22 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 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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