

GILAT SATELLITE NETWORKS LTD

Form 6-K

November 16, 2009

FORM 6 K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report on Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of November 2009

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Gilat House, Yegia Kapayim Street
Daniv Park, Kiryat Arye, Petah Tikva, Israel
(Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If ☒ Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

Attached hereto is Registrant's press release dated November 12, 2009 announcing that Registrant has issued a statement regarding a lawsuit filed by a group of Israeli shareholders against Registrant relating to the Merger Agreement of March 31, 2008 that did not close.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Rachel Prishkolnik

Rachel Prishkolnik
Corporate Secretary

Dated November 15, 2009

Gilat issues statement regarding lawsuit filed by group of Israeli shareholders

Petah Tikva, Israel, November 12, 2009 Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILT), a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, today reported that a lawsuit was filed in the central district court in Israel by eight individuals and Israeli companies against the Company, all of its directors and its 20% shareholder, York Capital Management and its affiliates. The plaintiffs claim damages based on the amounts they would have been paid had a merger agreement signed March 31, 2008 with a consortium of buyers closed. The lawsuit, seeking damages of approximately \$12.4 million, is similar to the lawsuit and motion for its approval as a class action proceeding previously filed by the same group of Israeli shareholders in October 2008. That lawsuit and motion was withdrawn by the plaintiffs in July 2009 at the recommendation of the court, which questioned the basis for the lawsuit.

Gilat and its outside legal counsel believe the claims are outlandish and completely without merit, and that the lawsuit is without basis. The Company intends to use all legal means necessary to protect and defend the Company and its directors.

As has been previously disclosed, in August 2008, Gilat notified the consortium of buyers that had signed a definitive agreement to purchase the Company that it was terminating the Agreement and Plan of Merger entered into on March 31, 2008, citing the buyer's intentional breach of the merger agreement and failure to close the merger. The definitive agreement provides for a termination fee in the amount of \$47.4 million, payable to Gilat, in the event of an intentional breach of the agreement by the Purchasers. Lawsuits have been filed by the Company against the Purchasers.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. 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 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.

Certain statements made herein that are not historical are forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words estimate, project, intend, expect, believe and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Gilat to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions, inability to maintain market acceptance to Gilat's products, inability to timely develop and introduce new technologies, products and applications, rapid changes in the market for Gilat's products, loss of market share and pressure on prices resulting from competition, introduction of competing products by other companies, inability to manage growth and expansion, loss of key OEM partners, inability to attract and retain qualified personnel, inability to protect the Company's proprietary technology and risks associated with Gilat's international operations and its location in Israel. For additional information regarding these and other risks and uncertainties associated with Gilat's business, reference is made to Gilat's reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Investor Relations Contact:

Tom Watts
Watts Capital Partners, LLC
Tel: +1 (212) 879 0954
twatts@wattscapital.com
