

ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD
Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Month of December 2008**

Commission File Number 000-28998

ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Advanced Technology Center, P.O.B. 539, Haifa 31053, Israel

(Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

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Form 20-F

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Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference is the Registrant's press release dated December 25, 2008.

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.

ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ronit Zmiri
Name: Ronit Zmiri
Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: December 29, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description

1. **Press Release dated December 25, 2008**
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Elbit Systems and IAI Awarded \$141 Million Contract to Supply Combined Airborne Imagery Intelligence Systems to the Turkish Air Force

Aselsan will be the project's prime contractor

Elbit Systems' share will be \$87 million and IAI's will be \$54 million

Haifa, Israel, December 25 2008 – Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ:ESLT) and Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd (IAI) announced today that their respective subsidiaries, Elbit Systems Electro-Optics Elop Ltd. (Elbit Systems Electro-Optics) and ELTA Systems Ltd. (ELTA) have been awarded a \$141 million contract (\$87 million awarded to Elbit Systems Electro-Optics and \$54 million awarded to ELTA) to supply the Turkish Air Force with combined airborne IMINT (Imagery Intelligence) systems. The contract will become effective upon Elbit Systems Electro-Optics and ELTA completing the process for providing performance bonds for the project, which is anticipated to occur in the coming weeks.

Deliveries under the contract will be made over a four-year period.

Haim Rousso, General Manager of Elbit Systems Electro - Optics said: "We are very proud that the Turkish Air Force, one of the most advanced and modern in the world, has chosen our reconnaissance system. The system is based on a well-developed and proven solution, which has already been chosen by several leading Air Forces and has recorded thousands of successful operational flight hours in severely demanding conditions." Rousso added: "This contract establishes Elbit Systems Electro-Optics' advanced position as one of the world's leading companies in the field of aerial reconnaissance. The system selected by the Turkish Air Force is a world leading solution, and we are very pleased to partner with ELTA in providing this solution".

Nissim Hadas, IAI Corporate VP & President of ELTA Systems said: "ELTA has developed, over the years, numerous IMINT Systems, ranging from fighter aircraft pods through various UAV payloads to business jet installed SAR systems. Some of those SAR systems are already fully operational in some countries. Together with its radar and system design and integration capabilities, ELTA has also developed an extensive exploitation capability for comprehensive ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) applications. This IMINT systems contract adds an important support

to ELTA'S position as a world leader in Intelligence Systems, in general, and in integrated IMINT systems, in particular." Hadas added: "We are proud to work together with Elop on this program".

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of defense-related 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 air vehicle (UAV) systems, advanced electro-optics, electro-optic space systems, EW suites, airborne warning systems, ELINT systems, data links and military communications systems and radios. The Company also focuses on the upgrading of existing military platforms and developing new technologies for defense, homeland security and commercial aviation applications.

About IAI/ELTA

Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd. is a recognized leader in the aerospace and defense industry and Israel's largest industrial exporter. ELTA Systems Ltd., a group and wholly owned subsidiary of IAI, is one of Israel's leading defense electronics companies and a leader in Intelligence Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR), Early Warning and Control, Home-Land Security (HLS), Self-Protection and Self-Defense and Fire Control application.

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