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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 January 2017

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 executive office)

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Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference is the registrant's press release dated January 17, 2017.

This Form 6-K, including all exhibits hereto, is hereby incorporated by reference into all effective registration statements filed by the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

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

Date: January 17, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

1. Press Release dated January 17, 2017

Exhibit 1

Elbit Systems Awarded Approximately \$17 Million Contract to Supply Ground Breaking BrightNiteTM Systems to an Air Force in a NATO Country

By projecting the outside world's data on the pilot's helmet – Brightnite enables helicopter pilots to fly in a Degraded Visual Environment (DVE), in adverse weather conditions and in more than 90% of the nights

Haifa, Israel, January 17, 2017 – Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: ESLT) ("Elbit Systems") announced today that it was awarded a contract to supply ground breaking, multi spectral BrightNite systems to an air force in a NATO country. The contract, in an amount of approximately \$17 million, will be performed over a thirty-month period. Low-flying helicopters are especially vulnerable to threats such as difficult terrain, enemy fire and obstacles in the flight path. Sorties must be performed both day and night and often carried out in DVE conditions, adding to the already heavy workload. Prior to BrightNite, flight crews have had to rely on night vision goggles (which have limited capabilities) to accomplish their mission. Factors like complete darkness, poor weather conditions, brownouts, whiteouts and sandstorms limit the pilots' Field of View (FOV). Lightweight, compact and cost-effective, BrightNite delivers a crystal clear visual of the landscape, flight data and especially the mission data, directly to both eyes of the pilot, enabling intuitive flight in a head-up, eyes-out orientation in pitch dark and other DVE and low visibility landing conditions.

Bezhalel (Butzi) Machlis, President and CEO of Elbit Systems commented:"We are proud to have won this contract which enables helicopter pilots to gain highly advanced operational capabilities by flying in more than 90% of the nights and in adverse weather conditions. The BrightNite revolutionary solution is suitable for a variety of missions such as Special Forces and search and rescue. Given the important role helicopters are playing in the modern battlefield and the necessity of operating at night, we hope other customers will follow this selection by a NATO country's air force.

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international high technology company engaged in a wide range of defense, homeland security and commercial 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 aircraft systems, advanced electro-optics, electro-optic space systems, EW suites, signal intelligence systems, data links and communications systems, radios and cyber-based systems. The Company also focuses on the upgrading of existing platforms, developing new technologies for defense, homeland security and commercial applications and providing a range of support services, including training and simulation systems.

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