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FORM 20-F

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

or

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

or

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report _____

Commission file number: 0-21218

GILAT SATELLITE NETWORKS LTD.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ISRAEL
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Gilat House, 21 Yegia Kapayim Street, Kiryat Arye, Petah Tikva, 4913020 Israel
(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---|---|
| Ordinary Shares, NIS 0.20 nominal value | NASDAQ Global Select Market |

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant of Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock at the close of the period covered by the annual report:

44,333,047 Ordinary Shares, NIS 0.20 nominal value per share
(as of December 31, 2015)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP

International Financial Reporting Standards
as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

This report on Form 20-F is being incorporated by reference into our Registration Statements on Form F-3 (Registration No. 333-195680) and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-113932, 333-123410, 333-132649, 333-158476, 333-180552, 333-187021 and 333-204867).

INTRODUCTION

We are a leading global provider of end-to-end broadband satellite communication, or Satcom, network solutions and services. We design, manufacture and provide full network management and equipment for Satcom as well as professional services to satellite operators and service providers worldwide. The equipment consists of very small aperture terminals, or VSATs, solid-state power amplifiers, or SSPAs, block up converters, or BUCs, low-profile antennas and on-the-Move/on-the-Pause terminals. VSATs are earth-based terminals that transmit and receive broadband Internet, voice, data and video via satellite. VSAT networks have significant advantages over wireline and wireless networks, as VSATs can provide highly reliable, cost-effective, fast to deploy, end-to-end communications regardless of the number of sites or their geographic locations. We also provide satellite backhaul solutions for the cellular market. We also provide connectivity services, Internet access and telephony to enterprise, government and residential customers in Peru and Colombia over our own networks, which are built using our equipment and also over networks which we install mainly based on build, operate and transfer, or BOT, contracts. Additionally, we build telecommunication infrastructure typically using fiber-optic and wireless technologies for broadband connectivity.

In addition to developing and marketing Satcom equipment, we provide managed network and services through terrestrial and satellite networks. We have proven experience in delivering complex projects and services worldwide. We offer complete turnkey integrated solutions including:

- fully managed Satcom services;
- provision of satellite capacity;
- remote network operation;
- call center support;
- hub and field operations; and
- construction and installation of communication networks, typically on a BOT, contract basis.

We have a large installed base, having sold over 1.2 million VSAT units spanning approximately 90 countries, and currently have over 500 active networks.

We have 20 sales and support offices worldwide, four network operations centers, or NOCs, and five R&D centers. Our products are sold to communication service providers and operators which use VSATs to serve enterprise, government and residential users, to mobile network operators and to system integrators that use our technology. Our solutions and services are also sold to defense and homeland security organizations. In addition, we provide services directly to end-users in various market segments, including in certain countries in Latin America and also provide managed network services, such as in Australia, over a VSAT network owned by a third party.

We operate in three business segments, comprised of our Commercial, Mobility and Services divisions:

- Commercial Division – provides VSAT networks, satellite communication products, small cell solutions and associated professional services and comprehensive turnkey solutions. Our customers are service providers, satellite operators, mobile network operators, or MNOs, telecommunication companies, or Telcos, and large enterprises worldwide. We focus on high throughput satellites, or HTS, opportunities worldwide and are driving meaningful partnerships with satellite operators to leverage our technology and breadth of services to deploy and operate the ground segment.

- Mobility Division – provides on-the-Move/on-the-Pause satellite communication products and solutions to in flight connectivity, or IFC, service providers, system integrators, defense and homeland security organizations, as well as to other commercial entities worldwide. The division provides solutions on land, sea and air, while placing major focus on the high-growth market of commercial IFC, with its unique leading technology. In addition, the division includes the operations of our Wavestream Corporation subsidiary, or Wavestream, whose sales are primarily to IFC integrators as well as defense integrators.
- Services Division – provides managed network and services for rural broadband access via its subsidiaries in Peru and Colombia. Our connectivity solutions have been implemented in large and national scale projects. Gilat’s terrestrial and satellite networks provide Internet and telephony services to thousands of rural communities and schools worldwide. Our turnkey solutions start with supplying network infrastructure, continue through ensuring high-quality, reliable connectivity and include full network support and maintenance, as well as support for applications that run on the installed network.

In December 2013, we sold our Spacenet subsidiary, to SageNet for approximately \$16 million, subject to certain post-closing adjustments and expenses.

Our ordinary shares are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “GILT” and on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, or the TASE. As used in this annual report, the terms “we”, “us”, “Gilat” and “our” mean Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated.

The marks “Gilat®”, “SkyEdge®,” ”Wavestream®”, “AeroStream™”, “Raysat™”, “SatTrooper™”, “SatRanger™” and “AdvantEdge™” and other marks appearing in this annual report on Form 20-F marked with “®” or “™” are trademarks of our company and its subsidiaries. Other trademarks appearing in this Annual Report on Form 20-F are owned by their respective holders.

This Annual Report on Form 20-F contains various “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and within the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Such forward-looking statements reflect our current view with respect to future events and, financial results of operations. Forward-looking statements usually include the verbs, “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “projects,” “understands” and other verbs suggesting uncertainty. We remind readers that forward-looking statements are merely predictions and therefore inherently subject to uncertainties and other factors and involve known and unknown risks that could cause the actual results, performance, levels of activity, or our achievements, or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance, levels of activity, or our achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. We have attempted to identify additional significant uncertainties and other factors affecting forward-looking statements in the Risk Factors section which appears in Item 3D: “Key Information–Risk Factors”.

Our consolidated financial statements appearing in this annual report are prepared in U.S. dollars and in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP. All references in this annual report to “dollars” or “\$” are to U.S. dollars and all references in this annual report to “NIS” are to New Israeli Shekels. The representative exchange rate between the NIS and the dollar as published by the Bank of Israel on December 31, 2015 was NIS 3.902 per \$1.00.

Statements made in this Annual Report concerning the contents of any contract, agreement or other document are summaries of such contracts, agreements or documents and are not complete descriptions of all of their terms. If we

filed any of these documents as an exhibit to this Annual Report or to any registration statement or annual report that we previously filed, you may read the document itself for a complete description of its terms.

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