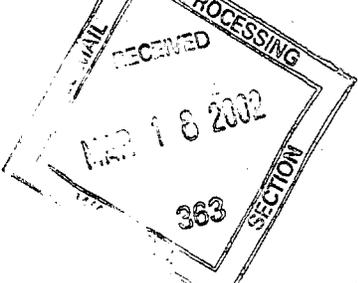


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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 March, 2002

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)

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Attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein is Registrant's press release dated March 12, 2002, announcing Registrant's response to the two class action lawsuits filed against it.

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: 
Yoav Leibovitch
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 13, 2002



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Gilat Responds to Filing of Class Action Lawsuits

Company Deems Lawsuits to be Without Merit and Intends to Vigorously Defend Its Position

PETAH TIKVA, Israel--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 12, 2002-- Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: [GILTF](#) - [news](#)) today announced that it has become aware of two securities class action lawsuits filed against it and certain of its officers and directors.

The litigation includes actions filed on March 11, 2002 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and on March 11, 2002 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

These complaints are brought on behalf of purchasers of securities of the Company between August 14, 2000 and October 2, 2001 inclusive, and allege violations of the federal securities laws and claim that the defendants issued material misrepresentations to the market. The Company has not received the complaints to date but has reviewed one of the complaints available online and believes that the lawsuits are without merit. The Company intends to vigorously defend its position in this litigation.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., with its global subsidiaries Spacenet Inc., Gilat Europe and Gilat Latin America, is a leading provider of telecommunications solutions based on Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) satellite network technology. The Company provides satellite-based, end-to-end enterprise networking and rural telephony solutions to customers across six continents, and markets interactive broadband data services. Gilat is a joint venture partner, with EchoStar Communications Corp., Microsoft Corp. and ING Furman Selz Investments, in StarBand Communications Inc., America's first consumer, nationwide, always-on, two-way, high-speed satellite Internet service provider. StarBand is based in McLean, Va. Skystar Advantage®, DialAw@y IP(TM) and FaraWay (TM) are trademarks or registered trademarks of Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. or its subsidiaries. Visit Gilat at www.gilat.com.

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