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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 2003

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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the Registrant's press release dated December 24, 2003.

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/ Ilan Pacholder

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Name: Ilan Pacholder

Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: December 24, 2003.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

1. Press release dated December 24, 2003.

EXHIBIT 1

Elbit Systems Receives Contract from Royal Netherlands Army (RNLA) for

Battlefield Management System (BMS) Equipment

Computerized Hardware and Data Communication Software will Serve as RNLA BMS Infrastructure and will Soon be Deployed in Operational Unit

Haifa, Israel, December 24, 2003 -- Elbit Systems (NASDAQ: ESLT), today announced that it has been awarded a contract from the Royal Netherlands Army to supply its ground forces with Enhanced Tactical Computers (ETC) integrated with Tactical Communication Devices and Data Communication Software.

Elbit Systems' ETCs and Tactical Communication Devices will be used as the hardware infrastructure for the RNLA Pilot BMS project and will be deployed in an operational unit as of early 2004. The RNLA C2 Support Center will integrate their application software with this infrastructure.

The ETC is the main building block for Elbit Systems' Command, Control, Communication, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) Systems. The ruggedized, high performance PC based computer is widely used by armies worldwide, among which are the Israeli Defense Forces and armies in Europe and Asia. It is the latest generation of a long line of Tactical Terminals, fully complying with the operational requirements and harsh conditions of the modern battlefield. Equipped with all types of communication interfaces and powerful display features, the ETC enables the user in the field a new level of situation awareness in combat.

The Tactical Communication Device is embedded in the ETC and is used together with the Data Communication Software to enable communication over a vast selection of modern military media, among which are analog and digital radios, field wire-line, Wireless LAN and Data Radios. In the RNLA, it will be integrated with their FM9000 Combat Net Radio.

Joseph Ackerman, President and CEO of Elbit Systems commented, "Elbit Systems has a long and fruitful history of providing the RNLA with advanced Command and Control Systems for its Artillery Forces. The RNLA has a leading role within NATO in the C4I field and we are very proud to be selected by them once more to supply their BMS equipment.

"Moreover, the fact that our Enhanced Tactical Computers and Communication Devices were chosen demonstrates the market recognition we have earned in the C4I line of business over the years as a main supplier of these systems to more than 15 countries around the world and as the main contractor of the IDF Ground Forces Digitalization. We will continue to expand our activities in this market which is an essential part of Elbit Systems' business strategy," Mr. Ackerman concluded.

ABOUT ELBIT SYSTEMS

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international electronics company engaged in a wide range of defense-related programs throughout the world, in the areas of aerospace, ground and naval systems, command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I), advanced electro-optic and space technologies. The Company focuses on the upgrading of existing military platforms and developing new technologies for defense and homeland security applications.

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