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Report on Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of April 2006

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Gilat House, Yegia Kapayim Street
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(Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

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Attached hereto is Registrant's press release dated April 11, 2006 announcing that China Satellite Communications Corp. (China Satcom) has completed deployment of about 1,000 Gilat SkyEdge VSATs for rural telephony applications in Gansu Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

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: /S/ Rael Kolevsohn

Rael Kolevsohn
General Counsel

Dated: April 11th, 2006

China Satcom completes deployment of 1,000 Gilat SkyEdge VSATs

Broadband satellite terminals power rural telephony applications in China's Gansu Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Petah Tikva, Israel, April 11, 2006 Gilat Satellite Networks, Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILTF), today announced that China Satellite Communications Corp. (China Satcom), one of the six basic telecommunications operators in China, has completed deployment of about 1,000 Gilat SkyEdge VSATs for rural telephony applications in Gansu Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. China Satcom is one of China's largest satellite operators.

Giora Reish, Gilat's Regional Vice President, Asia, said, "For over a decade, Gilat has built a strong reputation among China's largest telecom operators for providing public rural communication solution that is fully integrated with the Chinese public telephony network, combined with responsive local customer service. This solution connects Chinese vast rural population to public services available in urban areas. China Satcom was particularly impressed with SkyEdge's toll quality voice, efficient space segment utilization and low power consumption, which will make it possible to operate the VSAT network in the most economical manner."

Gilat's SkyEdge platform supports telephony and data application on a single hub located in Beijing. It provides seamless telephony connectivity to public communication switches of national carriers. It can be deployed quickly in any environment and can perform well in all types of weather conditions.

About China Satellite Communications Corp.

China Satcom is one of six basic telecommunications operators in China, China Telecom, China Net Com, China Mobile, China Unicom, China Satcom and CRC. China Satcom owns 31 provincial branches throughout China and operates under the leadership of the Ministry of Information Industry, the People's Republic of China. China Satcom is a newly established, state-owned backbone enterprise built according to the requirements of China's national telecom restructuring of 2001.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILTF) is a leading provider of products and services for satellite-based communications networks. The Company operates under three business units: (i) **Gilat Network Systems** (GNS), which is a provider of network systems and associated professional services to service providers and operators; (ii) **Spacenet**, which provides managed services for businesses and governments through its Connexstar service brand, for consumers through its StarBand service brand; (iii) **Spacenet Rural Communications**, which offers rural telephony and Internet access solutions to remote areas primarily in Latin America.

Gilat was founded in 1987 and has shipped over 600,000 Very Small Aperture Terminals (VSATs) to more than 85 countries across six continents. Gilat's headquarters is located in Petah Tikva, Israel. The Company has 14 local offices and three service facilities worldwide. Gilat markets the SkyEdge Product Family which includes the SkyEdge Pro, SkyEdge IP, SkyEdge Call, SkyEdge DVB-RCS and SkyEdge Gateway. In addition, the Company markets numerous other legacy products. Visit Gilat at www.gilat.com.

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