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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 July 2003

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)
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(Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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Attached hereto is Registrant's press release dated July 14, 2003, announcing that Registrant has named Bill Gerety as the new CEO of its subsidiary, Spacenet Inc.

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)

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Dated: July 15, 2003

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Gilat Names Bill Gerety, Former CEO & COO of Astrolink, As New Spacenet CEO

Petah Tikva, Israel, July 14, 2003 Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILTF) announced today that it has named Bill Gerety as the new CEO of its Spacenet subsidiary. Gerety takes over from Nick Supron, who served as Spacenet's CEO for the last two years. The change was made effective on July 1.

During his tenure, Supron led a successful effort at Spacenet to optimize operations, streamline processes and increase efficiencies, in an effort to adapt the company to the changing characteristics of the market and business environment. The company noted that Supron elected to step down in order to spend more time with his family and to pursue other business opportunities.

Bill Gerety joins Spacenet with an intimate understanding of the satellite and telecommunications industries. Immediately prior to joining Spacenet, Gerety served as acting CEO and Chief Operating Officer of Astrolink International, a broadband satellite venture headed by Liberty Media, Lockheed Martin, TRW and Telespazio.

Gerety has also had a distinguished career as a senior officer in the US Army, and continues to serve as a colonel in the US Army Reserve. He holds a BS from the US Military Academy at West Point, an MS in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, as well as an MS in Contracts & Acquisition Management and an MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology. After spending four years at Spacenet in the early 90s, Bill served as COO of international telecom service provider World Access/Facilicom International; and he led international network sales efforts at Sprint International.

About Spacenet

Spacenet Inc. provides two-way satellite-based broadband networking solutions throughout North America under the Connexstar brand, and has more than 15 years' experience in providing connectivity, provisioning, operations and maintenance to enterprise and government customers, including some of the largest satellite-based networks in the world. Spacenet is based in McLean, Virginia, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gilat Satellite Networks, Ltd. Visit Spacenet at www.spacenet.com.

About Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd.

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., with its global subsidiaries Spacenet Inc., Gilat Latin America and rStar Corporation (RTRC), is a leading provider of telecommunications solutions based on Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) satellite network technology with nearly 400,000 VSATs shipped worldwide. Gilat, headquartered in Petah Tikva, Israel, markets the Skystar Advantage®, DialAw@y IP, FaraWay, Skystar 360E and SkyBlaster* 360 VSAT products in more than 70 countries around the world. Gilat 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 SES GLOBAL in SATLYNX, a provider of two-way satellite broadband services in Europe. Skystar Advantage, Skystar 360, DialAw@y IP and FaraWay are trademarks or registered trademarks of Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. or its subsidiaries. Visit Gilat at www.gilat.com. (*SkyBlaster is marketed in the United States by StarBand Communications Inc. under its own brand name.)

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to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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