

Gilat Announces Major Milestone in NBN Interim Satellite Service in Australia

- *Over 10,000 sites deployed to provide broadband services to Australian households and businesses nationwide -*
- *Network expected to grow to 48,000 sites by late 2015 -*

Petah Tikva, Israel, 14 August, 2012 -- Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ: GILT), a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions and services, today announced it has successfully completed the deployment of the first 10,000 VSATs (Very Small Aperture Terminals) with Optus as part of NBN Co's Interim Satellite Service.

The joint effort between Optus and Gilat, first announced in May 2011, will include up to 48,000 Gilat SkyEdge II VSATs expected to be deployed over the next three years. Gilat is responsible for the VSAT CPE installation and maintenance and end-to-end management and maintenance of the NOC (Network Operating Center) and eleven hubs across three earth stations. Subject to final design and implementation of the network, the project represents a potential value of up to \$120 million for Gilat.

Leveraging Gilat's SkyEdge II advanced capabilities in multi-beam environments, the satellite-based network utilizes IPSTAR's Ka/Ku multi-spotbeam capacity and Optus' Ku capacity over Australia, and provides broadband services to eligible Australian households, small businesses, indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, schools, health clinics and local council facilities such as public libraries around Australia where geographic location impedes the ability to provide either fiber or advanced wireless connectivity.

"Satellite-based connectivity is a critical element in NBN Co's commitment to offering broadband services across Australia, and Gilat's expertise in delivering large scale projects has been key to helping Optus meet this important milestone of connecting more than 10,000 sites," said **Paul Sheridan, Vice President, Optus Satellite**.

"We are very pleased to have achieved this milestone ahead of time and see this as an important accomplishment for both Gilat and Optus. The rapid deployment is a testament to the teams' cooperation and dedication in supporting NBN Co's commitment to delivering high-speed broadband to Australians living in rural and remote locations", said **Erez Antebi, CEO, Gilat Satellite Networks**.

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About NBN Co

NBN Co is an Australian Government Business Enterprise (GBE) formed in 2009 to design, build and operate the national broadband network (NBN). The aim of the NBN is to enable high-speed broadband to be delivered to all Australian households, businesses and enterprises through a combination of fibre to the premises, fixed wireless and satellite. NBN Co is operating a wholesale-only, open-access network, and making its wholesale services available to retail service providers on non-discriminatory terms. This is expected to facilitate further development of competition in the retail telecommunication market. For more information, please visit: www.nbnco.com.au

About Gilat

Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd (NASDAQ, TASE: GILT) is a leading provider of products and services for satellite-based broadband communications. Gilat develops and markets a wide range of high-performance satellite ground segment equipment and VSATs, with an increasing focus on the consumer and Ka-band market. In addition, Gilat enables mobile SOTM (Satellite-on-the-Move) solutions providing low-profile antennas, next generation solid-state power amplifiers and modems. Gilat also provides managed network and satellite-based services for rural telephony and Internet access via its subsidiaries in the United States, Peru and Colombia.

With over 25 years of experience, and over a million products shipped to more than 85 countries, Gilat has provided enterprises, service providers and operators with efficient and reliable satellite-based connectivity solutions, including cellular backhaul, banking, retail, e-government and rural communication networks. Gilat also enables leading defense, public security and news organizations to implement advanced, on-the-move tactical communications on board their land, air and sea fleets using Gilat's high-performance SOTM solutions. For more information, please visit us at www.gilat.com

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