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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 March 2005

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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

|X| Form 20-F |_| Form 40-F

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|_| Yes |X| No

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Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference herein is the Registrant's press release, dated March 10, 2005.

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

Name: Ilan Pacholder Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: March 10, 2005

Exhibit No. Description

1. Press release, dated March 10, 2005.

EXHIBIT A

STOPPAGE OF TENDER PROCESS FOR HELICOPTER UPGRADE IN BULGARIA

Haifa, Israel, March 10, 2005 - Elbit Systems Ltd. (the "Company") (Nasdaq NM:ESLT), reported that it received today notification from the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense announcing the stoppage of the tender process for the Mi-17 and Mi-24 helicopter program. This follows the Company's announcement on December 21, 2004 that the team led by the Company and Lockheed Martin was selected as the preferred bidder for the program.

The Company is exploring with the Bulgarian Ministry of Defense the implication of the announcement and the possibility of resumption of the negotiations.

The program has not been included in the Company's backlog of orders.

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of defense-related programs throughout the world, in the areas of aerospace, land and naval systems, command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance ("C4ISR"), 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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