

ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD
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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 July 2006

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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Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference herein is the Registrant's Proxy Statement, mailed to the Registrant's shareholders on or about July 13, 2006.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference herein is the Registrant's Proxy Card, mailed to the Registrant's shareholders on or about July 13, 2006.

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/ David Block Temin

Name: David Block Temin

Title: Corporate Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: July 13, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	Proxy Statement.
2.	Proxy Card.

July 13, 2006

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

You are cordially invited to attend the Elbit Systems Ltd. Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 10 a.m. local time on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at our offices at Advanced Technology Center, Haifa, Israel.

The agenda of the meeting and the proposals to be voted on are described in the accompanying proxy statement. For the reasons described in the proxy statement, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" Items 1, 2 and 3 as specified on the enclosed proxy card.

At the meeting, management also will present the other matters described in the proxy statement and provide a discussion period for questions and comments of general interest to shareholders.

We look forward to greeting all the shareholders who will be present at the meeting. However, whether or not you are able to attend, it is important that your shares be represented. Therefore, at your earliest convenience, please sign, date and mail the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided so that it is received not later than 24 hours before the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

/s/ MICHAEL FEDERMANN
MICHAEL FEDERMANN
Chairman of the Board of Directors

/s/ JOSEPH ACKERMAN
JOSEPH ACKERMAN
President and Chief Executive Officer

ELBIT SYSTEMS LTD.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Haifa, Israel
July 13, 2006

This is notice that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Elbit Systems Ltd. (the "Company") will be held at the Company's offices at the Advanced Technology Center, Haifa, Israel, on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at 10 a.m. local time, for the following purposes:

1. to elect seven directors to the Company's Board of Directors;
2. to elect Yaacov Lifshitz, who currently serves as an External Director on the Company's Board of Directors, to an additional three-year term, as an External Director; and
3. to re-appoint the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

In addition, at the meeting the Company will present the Management Report, the Auditors' Report and the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company, each for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. The Company also will report on the dividend, directors' compensation and independent auditors' compensation arrangement with respect to fiscal year 2005.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on July 18, 2006, are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the meeting. All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person.

Shareholders who are unable to attend the meeting in person are requested to complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the pre-addressed envelope provided so that it is received by the Company at least 24 hours before the meeting. No postage is required if mailed in the United States. Shareholders who attend the meeting may revoke their proxies and vote their shares in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ MICHAEL FEDERMANN
MICHAEL FEDERMANN
Chairman of the Board of Directors

/s/ JOSEPH ACKERMAN
JOSEPH ACKERMAN
President and Chief Executive Officer

The Company's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, are enclosed but are not a part of this proxy. The Financial Statements should not be considered as proxy solicitation material.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

The following questions and answers summarize the major issues to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting. For a more complete description of the issues please see the accompanying Proxy Statement.

Q: When and where is the Meeting?

A: The Meeting will take place at 10 a.m. local time, on Thursday, August 17, 2006, at the Company's offices at the Advanced Technology Center, Haifa, Israel.

Q: What is the record date for the Meeting?

A: The record date is July 18, 2006, and all shareholders holding shares at the close of business on July 18, 2006 will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting.

Q: What are the items to be voted on at the Meeting?

A: The items to be voted on include:

- Election of seven directors to the Board of Directors;
- Election of Mr. Yaacov Lifshitz, who currently serves as an External Director on the Company's Board of Directors, to an additional three-year term as an External Director; and
- Appointment of the Company's independent auditors for 2006.

Q: Does the Company and its Board of Directors support the proposals to be voted on at the Meeting?

A: Yes.

Q: What voting majority is required?

A: The required majority is more than 50% of the shares voted at the Meeting for the approval of Item 1 (election of directors) and Item 3 (re-appointment of the Company's independent auditors for 2006) in the Proxy Statement.

Approval of Item 2 (election of Mr. Lifshitz to an additional three-year term as External Director) requires:

(1) a majority of the votes cast regarding such election at the Meeting, whether in person or by proxy, provided that (i) that majority includes at least one-third (1/3) of the total votes of non-controlling shareholders or anyone voting on their behalf present at the Meeting in person or by proxy or (ii) the total number of votes of the shareholders mentioned in (i) above that are voted against such election does not exceed one percent (1%) of the Company's voting rights;

(2) each shareholder must indicate, either on the proxy card or prior to voting in person at the Meeting, whether or not the shareholder is considered a controlling shareholder of the Company.

Q: Why is it necessary to elect an External Director at this time?

A: Under Israeli law, a publicly traded company such as the Company is required to have two External Directors who meet the independence criteria specified in the Israeli Companies Law and who are elected by the required majority at a general shareholders meeting. An External Director serves for a three-year term. The term of Mr. Lifshitz, who was elected to serve as an External Director in July 2003, expires in July 2006.

Q: Is Yaccov Lifshitz permitted to be elected for an additional three-year term as an External Director?

A: Yes. External Directors such as Mr. Lifshitz, who continue to meet the qualification criteria, are permitted to be elected for an additional three-year term.

Q: What other matters will be presented at the Meeting?

A: The Company also will present at the Meeting the following matters relating to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005:

- its Independent Auditors' Report, Management Report and Consolidated Financial Statements;
- the dividend paid to shareholders;
- the compensation paid to the Company's directors; and
- the compensation arrangement with the Company's independent auditors.

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: Just indicate on your proxy card how you want to vote, and sign and mail it in the enclosed return envelope as soon as possible, so that your shares will be represented at the Meeting. The signed proxy must be received by the Company at least 24 hours before the Meeting. If you sign and send in your proxy but do not indicate how you want to vote, your proxy will be counted as a vote for all the proposals.

Q: What do I do if I want to change my vote?

A: Just mail a later-dated, signed proxy card or other document revoking your proxy in time for it to be received by the Company at least 24 hours before the Meeting or attend the Meeting in person and vote.

Q: If my shares are held in “street name” by my broker, a bank or other representative, will my representative vote my shares for me?

A: If you hold your shares through a broker, bank or other representative, generally the broker or other representative may only vote the shares it holds for you in accordance with your instructions. However, if the broker or other representative does not receive your instructions in time, it may vote on certain types of matters for which it has discretionary authority.

Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: For additional information about the Meeting, please contact during normal office hours, Sunday through Thursday, Ilan Pacholder, the Company’s Corporate Secretary at the Company’s offices in Haifa, Israel, telephone +972-4-8316632.

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PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement is provided to the shareholders of ordinary shares, NIS 1.00 nominal value (the "Shares"), of Elbit Systems Ltd. (the "Company" or "Elbit Systems"), in connection with the Board of Directors' solicitation of proxies for use at the Shareholders' Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, August 17, 2006 (the "Meeting"), or at any adjournment of the Meeting, as specified in the accompanying Notice of Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

It is proposed that the shareholders adopt resolutions concerning the following matters at the Meeting:

- (1) election of seven directors to the Company's Board of Directors;
- (2) election of Yaacov Lifshitz, who currently serves as an External Director on the Company's Board of Directors, to an additional three-year term as an External Director; and
- (3) appointment of the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

In addition, at the Meeting the Company will present or report on the following matters relating to fiscal year 2006.

- its Independent Auditors' Report, Management Report and Consolidated Financial Statements;
- the dividend paid to shareholders;
- the compensation paid to the Company's directors; and
- the compensation arrangement with the Company's independent auditors.

Shares represented by properly signed and unrevoked proxies will be voted in the manner directed by the persons designated as proxies.

QUORUM AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on July 18, 2006 have the right to receive notice and to vote at the Meeting. Due to recent changes in regulations under the Israel Companies Law - 1999 (the "Companies Law") relating to the timing of establishing record dates for shareholder meetings, the record date has been established at a date after the date of publication of this Proxy Statement with the applicable securities authorities. Distribution of the Proxy Statement will be made following the record date, as was the case with previous shareholders meetings of the Company.

The Company had outstanding on July 1, 2006, 41,240,707 Shares, each giving a right of one vote for each of the matters to be presented at the Meeting. (This amount includes 23,021 Shares held by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company but does not include 385,000 Shares held by the Company as treasury shares.) No less than two shareholders present in person or by proxy, and holding or representing between them one-third of the outstanding Shares, will constitute a quorum at the Meeting.

If a quorum is not present within one-half hour after the time set for the Meeting, the Meeting will be adjourned and will be reconvened one week later at the same time and place unless other notice is given by the Board of Directors. If there is not a quorum within one-half hour of the time for the reconvened meeting, a quorum will be considered present as long as at least two shareholders participate in person or by proxy.

Joint holders of Shares should note that according to the Company's Articles of Association the vote, whether in person or by proxy, of the more senior of joint holders of any voted Share will be accepted over vote(s) of the other joint holders of that Share. For this purpose seniority will be determined by the order the joint holders' names appear in the Company's Register of Shareholders.

A majority of the votes cast at the Meeting either in person or by proxy is required: (a) to elect, under Item 1 of this Proxy Statement, each of the individuals nominated to be a director and (b) to approve Item 3 (appointment of independent auditors) of this Proxy Statement.

Approval of Item 2 of this Proxy Statement (election of Mr. Lifshitz to an additional three-year term as an External Director), requires a majority of the votes cast regarding such election at the Meeting, whether in person or by proxy, provided that (i) that majority includes at least one-third (1/3) of the total votes of non-controlling shareholders or anyone voting on their behalf present at the Meeting in person or by proxy (abstentions will not be taken into account); or (ii) the total number of votes of the shareholders mentioned in (i) above that are voted against such election does not exceed one percent (1%) of the Company's voting rights.

VOTING AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

For the purpose of this Proxy Statement:

“U.S. Shares” means Shares traded on the Nasdaq Global Market - i.e., Shares registered on the records of the Company’s U.S. transfer agent - American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

“Israeli Shares” means Shares traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (the “TASE”) - i.e. Shares registered in the Company’s Israeli Shareholders’ Registry, including but not limited to such shares registered in the name of Israel Discount Bank Nominees Ltd. (the “Nominee Company”).

Holders of U.S. Shares

Holders of U.S. Shares may vote their Shares by attending the Meeting and voting their Shares in person, or by completing the enclosed proxy card, signing and dating it and mailing it in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope. A proxy card for use at the Meeting and a return envelope for the proxy card are enclosed. Shareholders may revoke any proxy card prior to its exercise by filing with the Company a written notice of revocation or a properly signed proxy card of a later date, or by voting in person at the Meeting. In order to be counted for purposes of voting at the Meeting, a properly signed proxy card must be received by the Company at least 24 hours before the Meeting.

Notwithstanding the above, shareholders who hold their Shares in “street name”, meaning in the name of a bank, broker or other record holder, must either direct the record holder of their Shares on how to vote their Shares or obtain a legal proxy from the record holder to vote the Shares at the Meeting on behalf of the record holder as well as a statement from such record holder that it did not vote such Shares.

Unless otherwise indicated on the proxy card, Shares represented by a properly signed and received proxy in the enclosed form will be voted in favor of all the above described matters to be presented for voting at the Meeting.

Proxy cards are being mailed to shareholders on or about July 19, 2006 and will be solicited mostly by mail. However, in some cases proxies may be solicited by telephone, telegram or other personal contact.

Holders of Israeli Shares

Holders of Israeli Shares may vote their Shares by attending the Meeting and voting their Shares in person, or by completing, signing, dating and mailing the form of Hebrew proxy that has been prepared in accordance with the Israeli Companies Regulations (Proxy Forms and Opinion Notices - 2005. The Hebrew proxy is available on the following websites: www.magna.isa.gov.il or maya.tase.co.il, and it is also available at the Company’s offices. Proxies must be received by the Company no later than 24 hours before the Meeting. Shares represented by executed and unrevoked proxies will be voted at the Meeting.

Holders of Israeli Shares registered in the Company's Shareholders' Registry who vote their Shares by proxy must also provide the Company with a copy of their identity card, passport or certification of incorporation, as the case may be. Holders of Israeli Shares who hold their Shares through the Nominee Company and intend to vote their Shares either in person or by proxy must deliver to the Company an ownership certificate confirming their ownership of the Company's Shares on the record date, which certificate must be approved by a recognized financial institution, as required by the Israeli Companies Regulations (Proof of Ownership of Shares for Voting at General Meeting) - 2000.

Holders of Israeli Shares may revoke their proxies no later than 24 hours before the Meeting by applying to the Company's offices for such revocation and providing proof of their identity to the satisfaction of the Company's Corporate Secretary or other Company representative appointed for that purpose. Holders of Israeli Shares who revoke their proxy may only vote their Shares during the Meeting.

Proxies for holders of Shares registered in the Company's Israeli Shareholders' Registry will be solicited by the Company on or about July 19, 2006 by mail. The Company will pay for the cost of the solicitation of proxies, including the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing the proxy material, and will reimburse the reasonable expenses of brokerage firms and others for forwarding material to shareholders.

Failure to Vote by Proxy or in Person

If a shareholder (either a holder of U.S. Shares or a holder of Israeli Shares) fails to vote by proxy or in person with regard to a specific proposal or if a shareholder does not indicate whether or not he or she has is a controlling shareholder with regard to Item 2 of this Proxy Statement, the Shares represented by such proxy or owned by such shareholder will be deemed not to have been cast for the purpose of the approval of such proposal. Accordingly, such Shares will not be counted in calculating the percentage of affirmative votes required for approval of such proposal. Without derogating from the foregoing and to the extent permitted by law and applicable stock exchange requirements, if a written proxy is signed by a shareholder and returned without instructions, the Shares represented by the proxy will be voted in favor of all of the proposals set forth above. If a shareholder instructs in a proxy that it wishes to abstain from voting its Shares on a specific proposal, the Shares represented by such proxy will be deemed as neither a vote for nor against the proposal considered at the Meeting, although they will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.

Right to Review Proxy Cards

Following the Meeting, one or more shareholders holding, at the Record Date, at least 1,066,263 Shares, which represent as of the Record Date approximately five percent (5%) of the total voting rights of the Company that are not held by controlling shareholders of the Company, may review the proxy cards submitted to the Company at the Company's offices during normal business hours.

**BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES BY
CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table shows, as of July 1, 2006, to the best of the Company's knowledge, the number of Shares⁽¹⁾ owned by (i) all shareholders known by the Company to own 5% or more of the Company's Shares and (ii) all directors and officers of the Company as a group.

Federmann Enterprises Ltd. 99 Hayarkon Street Tel-Aviv, Israel ⁽²⁾	16,755,448	40.68%
Heris Aktiengesellschaft c/o 99 Hayarkon Street Tel-Aviv, Israel	3,836,458 ⁽³⁾	9.31%
Koor Industries Ltd. 14 Hamelacha Street Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel ^{(4) (5)}	3,160,000	7.67%
All officers and directors as a group (27 persons)	328,358 ⁽⁶⁾	0.80%

(1) The total number of Shares includes 23,091 Shares held by a subsidiary of Elbit Systems but excludes 385,000 Shares held by Elbit Systems as treasury shares.

(2) Federmann Enterprises Ltd. ("FEL") owns the Shares of Elbit Systems directly and indirectly through Heris Aktiengesellschaft ("Heris") which is controlled by FEL. FEL is controlled by Beit Federmann Ltd. ("BFL"). BFL is controlled by Beit Bella Ltd. ("BBL") and Beit Yekutiel Ltd. ("BYL"). Michael Federmann is the controlling shareholder of BBL and BYL. He is also the Chairman of Elbit Systems' Board and the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of FEL. Therefore, Mr. Federmann controls, directly and indirectly, the vote of the Shares owned by Heris and FEL. As of July 1, 2006, 4,655,448 Elbit Systems Shares held by FEL were pledged to Bank Leumi Le-Israel BM to guarantee loans provided to FEL in connection with FEL's purchase in 2004 of the Elbit Systems Shares held by Elron Electronic Industries Ltd.

- (3) The amount of Shares owned by Heris is included in the amount of shares held by FEL as set forth in footnote (2) above.
- (4) Koor Industries Ltd. (Koor) is an Israeli multi-industry holding company, whose shares are publicly traded on the TASE, engaged through its direct and indirect wholly and partially owned subsidiaries and affiliates in the following core businesses: telecommunications, defense electronics, agrochemicals and investments in start-ups in the fields of telecommunications and life science. Koor is also involved in tourism, real estate and international trade businesses. The principal shareholders of Koor are Discount Investment Corp. Ltd., a subsidiary of IDB Development Corporation Ltd. (“IDBD”), holding approximately 30.9% of Koor, and IDBD, holding approximately 9.9% of Koor’s outstanding ordinary shares.
- (5) FEL and Heris (collectively the Federmann Group) and Koor may be deemed for purposes of U.S. securities laws to be joint owners of the aggregate Shares of Elbit Systems beneficially owned by them by virtue of a shareholders agreement dated December 27, 2004, which entered into force on April 18, 2005, as amended, between FEL and Koor, and which provides, among other things, for Koor to vote at general shareholders meetings of Elbit Systems in accordance with FEL’s instructions with certain exceptions. The Federmann Group and Koor have each disclaimed beneficial ownership of the other’s Shares in Elbit Systems.
- (6) This amount does not include any Shares that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Michael Federmann as described in footnote (2) above. The amount includes 138,694 Shares underlying options that are currently exercisable or that will become exercisable within 60 days of July 1, 2006. A portion of the underlying options are “phantom options” that have been calculated based on Elbit Systems’ July 1, 2006 Share closing price on TASE of \$27.04.

DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE CRITERIA AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Under Nasdaq rules that are applicable to the Company, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors must meet certain independence criteria. All of the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Audit Committee”) must meet certain independence criteria as well. In addition, in accordance with Nasdaq rules, a Nominating Committee of the Board of the Directors (the “Nominating Committee”), consisting in its entirety of directors meeting the board of directors’ independence criteria, has been created in order to nominate candidates to the Board of Directors.

ITEM 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the Meeting, seven directors who are not External Directors (see list of nominees below) are to be elected. Also, if elected to another term as a director, Michael Federmann will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Nathan Sharony, an External Director, will continue to serve as External Director until the end of his term in March 2008.

The Nominating Committee has recommended to the Board of Directors that all of the persons named in the list of nominees below, all of whom currently serve as directors of the Company, be nominated for re-election to the Company's Board of Directors. Three of these nominees (Moshe Arad, Avraham Asheri and Yigal Ne'eman) meet the board of directors' independence criteria under the applicable Nasdaq rules, as do the two current External Directors (Nathan Sharony and Yaacov Lifshitz).

The Board of Directors has approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee with respect to the list of nominees. Accordingly, the persons named in the proxy card distributed with this Proxy Statement intend to vote for the election of the seven nominees named below.

Each nominee so elected as a director will hold office until the next shareholders' Annual General Meeting and until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless any director's office is vacated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Law or the Company's Articles of Association.

The Company is not aware of any reason why any of the nominees, if elected, should be unable to serve as a director. Nevertheless, if any of the nominees should be unable to serve, the proxies will be voted for the election of such other person or persons as determined by the person named in the proxy card in accordance with his or her judgment, provided such other person or persons have been recommended by the Nominating Committee for nomination to the Board of Directors.

The nominees and the current External Directors, their respective ages on July 1, 2006, and the year in which they became directors of the Company are as follows:

Board of Directors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Director Since</u>
Michael Federmann (Chairman)	63	2000
Moshe Arad	71	2005
Avraham Asheri	68	2000
Rina Baum	61	2001
Jonathan Kolber	44	2005
Yaacov Lifshitz (External Director)	62	2003
Yigal Ne'eman	64	2004
Dov Ninveh	59	2000
Nathan Sharony (External Director)	71	2002

Michael Federmann. Michael Federmann has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors since the merger with Elop in 2000. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Elop from 1988 until the merger. He has held managerial positions in the Federmann Group since 1969, and since 2002 he has served as Chairman and CEO of Federmann Enterprises Ltd. (“FEL”). Currently, he also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dan Hotels Corp. Ltd. (“Dan Hotels”). Mr. Federmann is Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (the “Hebrew University”) and a member of the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Mr. Federmann holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the Hebrew University.