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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)

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

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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

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

Attached hereto is Registrant's press release dated July 30, 2003, announcing that Rent-Way, Inc. has selected Registrant's subsidiary, Spacenet Inc., to provide a two-way satellite-based IP network to all of Rent-Way's stores.

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/ Yoav Leibovitch

Yoav Leibovitch
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 31, 2003

Jul 30, 2003

Rent-Way Chooses Spacenet for Satellite-Based Retail Data Network

Superior performance, support and economics key to Spacenet's Connexstar Enterprise service win over VSAT competition

Petah Tikva, Israel, July 30, 2003 Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq: GILTF) today announced that its US subsidiary, Spacenet Inc., has been awarded a five-year contract by Rent-Way, Inc. to provide a two-way satellite-based IP network to all of Rent-Way's 750+ stores and is to be deployed by September 1.

Rent-Way's Connexstar Enterprise network is designed to support a wide variety of services, including point-of-sale and inventory control applications, as well as Internet and intranet access. The Spacenet network is also designed with the flexibility to support possible future applications such as stored value cards or customer loyalty programs. The network will also enhance the communication and coordination between Rent-Way's Corporate Office and field personnel.

Rent-Way is one of the nation's largest operators of rental-purchase stores. Rent-Way rents quality name brand merchandise such as home entertainment equipment, computers, furniture and appliances from 753 stores in 33 states.

We thoroughly investigated all available two-way satellite solutions and Spacenet was the clear winner, said Rent-Way's Manager of Technical Services, Matthew Dawson. In our testing, we found Spacenet's VSAT hardware technology and service quality to be by far the best fit for our requirements. We were impressed by Spacenet's customer service, support and responsiveness, and we found Connexstar Enterprise's economics to be very compelling.

Spacenet Vice President of Sales and Marketing David Shiff said, Rent-Way's selection of Spacenet is another sign of our company's leadership in the satellite networking industry. Our product offerings are constantly evolving to specifically match our customers' needs, and we believe this spirit of innovation is one reason why customers like Rent-Way choose to go with Spacenet and Connexstar.

Background on Spacenet's Connexstar service

Connexstar provides commercial-grade, always-on broadband connectivity to multi-site enterprises of any size, anywhere in the continental United States. The service supports a wide range of business applications, including high-speed credit authorization, in-store licensed music, distance learning, content multicasting and secure private networking services all through a single, compact, remote access device incorporating advanced networking and routing functionality.

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 (RSTRC), 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, and Alcatel Space and SkyBridge LP, subsidiaries of Alcatel, 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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