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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 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)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-_____

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference is the Registrant s press release dated March 16, 2006.

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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 16, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
1	Press Release dated March 16, 2006

EXHIBIT 1

Haifa, Israel, 16 March 2006 Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ:ESLT) (the Company) announced today that, further to its announcement dated March 15, 2006, the record date with respect to the Company s dividend declared for the fourth quarter of 2005 has changed from March 28, 2006 to March 29, 2006, as a result of the closing of the Israeli market on March 28, 2006 due to the elections scheduled in Israel on that day. The payment date for the dividend remains April 10, 2006.

Due to a change in Israeli tax rules that became effective in January 2006, the dividend will be paid net of taxes and levies at the rate of 18.5% and not 22.1% as had been advised in the Company s announcement dated March 15, 2006.

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